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Croatia's Cup: 4-0 vs. Ajax!



Triumphant Croatia, after winning its sixth State League Cup, beating Ajax 4-0. Back row: State League chairman Vito Ciluro, committee member Steve Mandekic, Ossie Latif, Drago Deankovic (partly obscured), Ante Bilaver, Steve Gojevic, Robert McRae, Jozo Antolovic, Peter Blasby, George Hannah, president Joe Sigur (part-

ly obscured), club official, Bill Beveridge (physio), official, official, Front row: committee member Frank Zepic, Zdravko Juric (gear steward), Keith Adams, Tommy Cumming, Josip Biskic, Jeff Faulkner, Marty Bozic, David Brogan, Tony Curcio. Picture by LES SHORROCK.

'Bribery' and meddling: Gardiner speaks out

By CRAIG MACKENZIE

John Gardiner has learned to cope with bribery accusations and committee interference in his coaching duties. "It's part and parcel of my career now," said Gardiner, sacked a fortnight ago as coach of Melbourne Croatia and replaced by Tommy Cumming.

Croatia's committee reacted swiftly to news that Gardiner would accompany arch rival Green Gully Ajax on its end-of-season trip to Noumea. But Gardiner's problems at Croatia this season were far more deep-seated.

"I realised quite a while back that I was a week-to-week proposition as coach," he said.

"There have been all sorts of allegations flying around that I was bribed by different clubs, which is very insulting and simply not true."

"If I had listened to the committee this year, they would have got rid of Peter Blasby, Ante Bilaver and Dave Brogan."

Gardiner is the only man to coach Croatia for a full season in the 1980's. That was back in 1981, when he played with Green Gully Ajax in 1981 and 1982. During that time, Croatia won just one Victorian honor — the 1981 State League Cup — a surprisingly lean period for a club which won every available Victorian honor under Gardiner in the late 1970's and 1980.

Gardiner claims he is owed money by Croatia but he won't take legal action against the club.

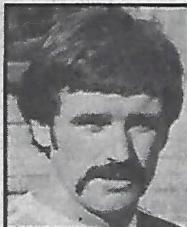
"Over the year, Croatia has been very good to me. The club honored every commitment to me with the exception of this year. I've enjoyed myself at Croatia and I have a lot of respect for some people at the club."

"And don't forget that I've been back and forward to Croatia a few times now, yet I've never once asked to leave. I had a two-year contract with Croatia back in the 1970's when the club sold me to Hills, then asked me to come back. The club kept me out of the game for three months in 1979, then asked me to come back. The club decided that I was finished when it sold me to Gully in 1981 but asked me to come back and help them this year."

The committee decided recently that I wasn't successful. That's a bit like fire and water. The fire and water as they see fit. All I ask is that the committee be judged in the same way I was. They hired me. If I wasn't successful, what does that say about them?"

"I could have had the Gully coaching job this year but I wanted to go back to Croatia, because I've had an enjoyable time there in the past."

Gardiner is well aware of bribery accusations levelled



John Gardiner



Ossie Latif



Guy Spiteri

Kiwis to make us eat dirt



RALE RASIC



Soccer coach Les Scheinflug (left) and ASF boss Sir Arthur George, looking worried!

New Zealand's World Cup progress is as strong as Australia's was before the 1974 finals.

I have just returned from New Zealand, and I bring disturbing news about the strength of the Kiwis' team and the unified front presented by everyone involved in the game there.

Compare New Zealand's preparation with ours and I'm afraid the Kiwis may again make us eat dirt when we clash in the next World Cup qualifying series.

I saw New Zealand beat Taiwan 2-0 in an Olympic Games qualifying tour-

ment, with goals by Grant Turner (ex-SWAN) and Alan Booth (ex-West Adelaide Hellas).

The team earlier had beaten Japan in Tokyo, and also had travelled to Fiji for matches.

The Kiwis are treating the Olympic Games series as part of their World Cup preparation, but Australia didn't even both to enter the next World Cup qualifying series.

Like Australia in 1971-73, New Zealand has a solid core of very experienced players — Booth, Steve Sumner, Duncan Cole, Grant Turner, Ron Armstrong, Glen Adam, Keith McKay, Barry Pickering, Frank van Hattum, Ricky Herbert and Alan Jones himself, write about soccer for

gives soccer a much better go than it does in Australia.

John Adshead, the former national coach, is a soccer commentator on radio and TV. Former national captain Brian Turner, as well as former international Sam Malcolmson, North Shore coach Don Jones and Alan Jones himself, write about soccer for

various newspapers — many of which devote a page or more to soccer.

The national team is getting more and more arrogant, a super modern national stadium is being built, and TV rights for the New Zealand — Taiwan game were sold, not given away, for a live national telecast.

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\$1 mil. first prize!

The People's Republic of China plans to hold a world Soccer tournament in Peking next June with one million (US) dollars for the champion team.

"The tournament is expected to become an annual event," said Marshall Medoff, president of Imico, a Boston-based consulting and marketing firm negotiating for international television rights via satellite from China.

Medoff said eight teams from world powers, including host China, were expected to participate in the inaugural tournament. He said the field could be increased thereafter.

Organised club teams rather than all-star teams will be sought, with an international panel deciding the eight teams from an original list of about 16.

JUVENTUS TO BALI

Victorian State League club Juventus will be one of six contestants in the 1983 Grada Cup in Bali.

Juventus flies out of Melbourne on Wednesday, November 2, returning on Wednesday, November 16. Other teams competing in the Grada Cup are: A West Australian amateur representative side, a Northern Territory representative side, and three top Balinese district teams — Perat, Peraden and Perisbu.

The HBA organisation has agreed to sponsor T-shirts and windcheaters for Juventus which hopes to have a full first team squad available.

In addition, there are up-and-coming stars like Gerry Evans, 19, a 6ft 4ins stopper, and Colin Tuua, a forward.

The team is led by a full-time coach, Alan Jones, assisted by Kevin Fallon and 17 club coaches acting as advisers.

At the very top, there's the federation chairman Charlie Dempsey, who's also head of the Oceania Confederation. He works in football for football, because it is his passion. New Zealand's forward planning is far ahead of ours because Dempsey, a former player, is a real football man and a shrewd administrator.

The media is right behind the World Cup campaign. In fact, the media

against him. When he was with Green Gully Ajax in 1981, he was accused of bribing Croatia players Steve Short and Peter Blasby after Ajax downed its arch rival in a crucial league match. And last year, with Ajax clear on top of the league ladder, Gardiner and Ajax stopper Stuart Cannell were injured and unable to play against Croatia. Ajax lost the match, prompting allegations that Croatia had paid Gardiner not to play. Ajax treasurer David Brogan even discussed the rumor with Gardiner at the time.

The conspiracy theory climaxed this season when Croatia lost an important league game to Juventus 2-3, after leading 2-0 with 30 minutes left. Croatian striker David Brogan had a groin injury and couldn't play.

"Brogan was sore at training on the Friday before the Juventus game. He couldn't do any sprints and had to stop practising penalties. He rang me on the morning of the match and said that he wasn't fit enough to play. Some committee members started saying, after we lost, that Brogan was faking injury and that I had been bribed by Ajax to throw the game. How the hell could I throw the game? I wasn't playing."

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Harrington misses penalty, Croatia gets set for final

It is grand final time for Croatia again. One of the most successful clubs in the NSW State League in recent years will enter this championship game as slight favorite — if for no other reason than its experience at this level.

Almost all who played for Croatia in last year's 2-1 win over Sutherland at the Sydney Sports Ground are here again.

Steve Watson in goal — one of the best in Australia, let alone in NSW, certainly has contributed to having his side in the grand final.

Andrija Kovacic, Lee Sterrey, Bruno Vidaic and Drago Tomasic are a fast, strong and experienced backline. And while Peter Hensman and Graeme Arnold should prove a handful for any side, it is Croatia's midfield which usually sees the damage.

Wally Savor, with eight goals to his credit, Brett Woods with two, Marian Kovacic with six and Drago Rezo with 4, almost have scored half of the side's total this year. Rezo was the man who sunk Melita in the first semi final two weeks ago.

Apart from their goalscoring prowess Croatia's midfield has the speed to counter any side. With Savor on the right and Rezo on the left, Croatia often plays with two orthodox wingers, while

Woods acts as a destroyer and skillful Marian Kovacic as playmaker. It is a versatile midfield able to attack and defend.

Who will face Croatia?

Replay of the major semi-final between Sutherland and Melita will give us the answer. In the meantime it is important to note that Croatia would prefer to see Sutherland come through, rather than Melita.

While Croatia may be the best, Melita will have the upper hand. In fact should Melita and Sutherland have to go through another 120 minutes of football, the only faces to smile will be those from Croatia.

Melita Eagles, the NSW Premiers for 1983, are still as far away from the grand final as they were a week ago when losing to Croatia in the final at Marconi Stadium. After leading 1-0 during the first stanza, Melita conceded a penalty early in the second half but Mark Harrington missed.

Soon after, however, it was Cashman who equalised to give Sutherland a real chance of making it to the grand final two weeks ago.

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NSW State League with ALEX VESIC

In extra time it was Farrugia and McKie who missed chances and Melita will now have to front again, today (Wednesday) in a replay with Sutherland for the right to play Croatia in the grand final.

In the third grade Melita has bowed out of the play-offs after a loss to Canterbury.

Melita 1

Sutherland 1

Scorers: Farrugia 13' pen (1-0), Cashman 56' (1-1).

MELITA EAGLES: McPherson, Williams, Cross, McGinn, Daley, Griffith, Farnsworth (Allan 67'), McCausland (Gavin 59'), Jamieson, Farrugia, McKie.

SUTHERLAND: Haynes, Hesford, Terry, Schumann, Scharfegger (sent off 96'), Cashman, Harrington, Clinch, Beggs, Groome, (73' Webber) Meades (105' Watkins).

Melita Eagles had the upper hand during the first period and went into an early lead after Mal Haynes fouled Farnsworth inside the penalty area and Ray Farrugia converted the spot kick.

Chances came Melita's way

during this period but alas, as in the game with Croatia, shooting was astray, causing Raul Bianco quite a few headaches. Last week it was Don Allan who missed opportunities. This time Allan was on the bench but it didn't help.

Allan and Gavin came on as substitutes during the second half but by then it was Sutherland that had the upper hand. In the 53rd minute McCausland nudged Nigel Groome off. Power awarded the second penalty of the match. Mark Harrington, Sutherland's captain, missed and this time it was John Watkin who threw up his arms in despair.

However, only a few minutes later Sutherland scored through Brandt Cashman to put the two sides level.

The defences of both sides looked rock solid during the rest of the match, although Melita could claim that it had a couple of chances late in the second period of extra time but its favorite son, Ray Farrugia, missed.

Both sides appeared to suffer from exhaustion, with the temperatures in twenties not helping much. Mark Harrington was visibly distressed, having to put in a great effort for the entire match to counter Melita's fast and effective midfield. In fact almost the entire Sutherland side battled gamely after Scharfegger was sent off in the 95th minute to survive.

Second Grade:

Blacktown 1

Manly 0

Scorers: Pearson 32'.

BLACKTOWN: Freeman, Campbell, Shaw, Purcell, Fal-

der, Lennox.

MELITA EAGLES: Parish, Beocraft, Harry, Veron, Williams, Solidakis, Vella, Paz (132' Gavasos), Vella, Whiteside, Lennox.

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zon, Lumsdaine, Pearson, Thortwaite, Kirwan, Roles, Wellbourne.

MALY WARRINGAH: Dower, Pioli, Verdun, McGrath, Dennis, Sprott, Jones, Dick, Peter Vale (57' Jurgens), Paul Vale, van Hel-

den.

Two very experienced sides met in this major semi-final to decide who would challenge Sutherland in the grand final. Blacktown, coached by Peterman, Pearson, Wellbourne, Kirwan, Lumsdaine, all of whom had first grade experiences, while Manly only had van Helden and Jones with substantial first grade play under their belts.

Accordingly, Blacktown won and will now face Sutherland for the second time in the past two weeks. Last time the two sides met it was an easy one for Sutherland, with the Sharks getting to the grand final with goals by Hargreaves and Rogers.

Third grade:

Canterbury 2

Melita 0

Scorers: Angelis 64', Androkopoulos 1.

CANTERBURY: Voudgas, Bortolin, Welsh, Fterniatis, D'Impeto, Nikopoulos, Bedon, Angelis, Androkopoulos, Katalik, Lubovich.

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Stefan, Schaefer, Sharne and the Skinheads

THE ANDREW DETTRE COLUMN



Who said there was no common sense and propriety in our game?

NSL boss Stefan Kamaz tells us that the last round, on October 23 (actually, Round 14, postponed from earlier), will be played in "Sync". That is: all seven games will start at the same time, on the same day.

This is the essential practice in most countries in order to avoid fiddle, fixes — or outright bending of results which have a bearing on the championship.

However, Stefan has one little problem: Both Olympic and St. George are drawn to play at home.

According to their agreement, on such occasions, Olympic uses the ground on Sunday while the Saints can please themselves about Friday Night or Saturday.

But rest assured that this problem will be overcome: The NSL is determined to ensure that the championship title goes to the best — and not the smartest.

Olympic officials tell us that next year, they will have a fulltime, paid, secretary-manager looking after the club's administration.

It couldn't come soon enough. For many years — more than than 10 — Olympic (nee Pan Hellenic) has had some pretty shoddy, makeshift managements.

Maybe a fulltime man — the right man, that is — can lick this dormant giant into shape.

This year alone, Olympic has been involved in a few curious escapades such as cancelling, without permission, a home match, the circus surrounding the dismissal of Tommy Docherty and then the most peculiar of them all, when some of their notoriously asinine fans were actually attacked by a player.

Still on Olympic: Most of us have been wondering — even if few of us have said it openly — how on earth they found Manfred Schaefer as a coach to replace the sacked-dismissed-resigned Docherty?

Manfred, once as truly great player, was out of circulation for years; in fact, he hardly even attended an NSL match.

It was assumed that, like so many other former stars, he had opted out of the game for good. Well, he did — until Olympic found him again.

Those who remember Schaefer from his playing days wish him well.

But let me be a pessimist: I'm prepared to bet 100 drachmas (is that much?) that he won't be at the helm at the end of the 1984 season. Maybe not even at the start of it.

I also forecast that there will be plenty of drama surrounding Peter Sharne in the off season.

He is, as you may know, attached to Leichhardt — on loan from his Hong Kong club.

And he is, I'm sad to say, playing many notches below his best when once he was one of the stars of the Socceroos.

In recent years he's either been replaced or came on as a late sub. And that, considering Leichhardt's very modest striking prowess, is an indictment in itself.

So what will happen in the off season? The Hong Kong club had paid Marconi \$50,000 for Sharne — Sale of the Century, you might call it.

Hong Kong will want most of it back if he is transferred to a Sydney Club — but on the currently depressed market, even a \$10,000 transfer deal will be regarded as sensational.

I doubt, in fact, whether Leichhardt will keep Peter — unless the Hong Kong club drops all claims on him.

Chances are that he may have to return to Hong Kong and find himself a new club willing to pay close to that \$50,000. His current employers — or rather the coach — don't want him.

It's a tragedy, really — but it's possible that Sharne could be lost for soccer completely — and he's only 26.

A strange sight — and sound — will be your reward if you attend a Sydney City match nowadays.

A group of some 30 or 40 Skinheads park themselves at one end of the ground and turn themselves into City's cheer squad.

Almost all of them British, these young men barrack for their team in the time-honoured, traditional English way: union clapping and little slogans interspersed with some saucy though amusing ditties.

Quite often they represent the only sign of life on the terraces. While the ageing old Hakoah supporters sit in petrified silence, these Skinheads kick enough noise and fuss for all of them.

When the match is over, they usually rush on the field and carry some of the star players off on their collective shoulder, then march into the dressing room to pay vocal tribute to coach Eddie Thomson and his crew.

They are an impressive lot, giving Sydney a tiny taste of the atmosphere of Anfield, Old Trafford and other famed English soccer grounds and crowds.

Some people object to their unorthodox attire, others resent their bawdy sing-songs.

I have only one criticism to make about them.

There aren't enough of them.

Home ground for Roma

AS Roma, already among the favorites for this season's European Champions' Cup, has a big incentive to reach the final; for it will be staged in its own Stadio Olimpico on May 30 next year.

It was something of a surprise when UEFA announced that its showpiece would be held in the Italian capital, as Roma had been the venue of the 1977 final.

On six occasions to date, one of the Champions' Cup finalists has had the advantage of playing in its own country. Only once has the "home" side failed to lift the trophy — after Victoria?

The problem in Hobart is the shortage of grounds. Nobody has got their own ground. But, the grounds that are available offer as much as any Victorian ground. The teams in the north of Tasmania can compete with the best that the Victorian league can offer in terms of facilities.

Q: What are your future plans?

They're up in the air. I could possibly return to Tasmania, but, I could move elsewhere. I wish I knew.

the very first competition, when Real Madrid beat Rheims in Paris.

That statistic should increase the already considerable, and justified, confidence of Falcao and Co.

The European Cup Winners Cup final has been set for May 16 in Basle, Switzerland.

— PAUL MOON

'World Cup' at Knox

Fifteen "countries" so far have nominated for an international tournament to be run at Knox City (Vic) from November 12 to December 3.

They are: Italy, Hungary, Holland, Poland, Malta, Greece, Yugoslavia, Germany, England, Scotland, Ireland, Turkey, South Africa, Australia and a composite South American team.

The tournament is for teams representing countries.

Players must have been born in the country for which they play, or at least his parents must have been born there.

Les Murray, host of International Sports Magazine and Match of the Day on Channel 9, will fly to Melbourne to present the trophies.

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Club tried to 'run him out of the country'

Scharmann gets \$27,500 over sack from APIA

Mr Justice Wootten has ordered APIA Soccer Club to pay its former Austrian star player Johann Scharmann \$27,500 dollars damages for wrongful dismissal.

Meanwhile, Rale Rasic, sacked by SM-Hellas, still is waiting for his case to go to court. He has issued a writ claiming \$64,300.

Mr Justice Wootten said APIA's president, secretary and soccer director all had engaged in "deceitful activities" over the signing-on of Scharmann.

The club also had behaved in a very high-handed manner and tried to "run him out of the country" as soon as possible after his dismissal on August 1 this year.

In the Equity Division of the supreme court, Mr Justice Wootten was told Scharmann, an Austrian player of international repute, began playing for APIA early this year.

He signed a two-year contract drawn up by the club's president, Nick Papallo, a solicitor.

The contract stipulated payment of a signing-on fee of \$10,000 a year, \$300 a week and air fares for himself, his wife and son, to Australia and return to Austria.

Scharmann was to be employed as the club's soccer secretary and public relations officer.

The judge said Scharmann, 34, gave evidence that these duties were inserted in the contract to provide "an ostensible explanation for what was, in Australian terms, a high remuneration".

It was never intended he should carry out those duties.

He was later asked to sign another contract, which he



APIA president
Nick Papallo

was told was "for the immigration department".

Scharmann signed the document after protesting that it contained a different commencing date and made no reference to the signing-on fee or his duties as soccer secretary and public relations officer.

Mr Justice Wootten said Mr Papallo and the club's soccer secretary, Mr Orsatti, both had signed documents designed to deceive the immigration department and the secretary, Mr Bartolo, had acted deceitfully towards Scharmann over accommodation provided for him and his family.

Mr Bartolo had told him the rent of an apartment the club had found for them would be \$130 a week.

When they said this was too much, Mr Bartolo made a telephone call and said they could have it for \$115.

The judge said that in fact Mr Bartolo had a lease of the premises for \$100 a week.

He said an affidavit provided by Mr Bartolo to the court included "the quite false statement that the club had paid the sum of \$115 a week to an estate

agency when, in fact, it had paid it to him."

"The credit of all three (club) witnesses was effectively destroyed," Mr Justice Wootten said.

He added the club's reasons for dismissing Scharmann were that he failed to keep an undertaking given to Mr Papallo that he would refrain from playing cards on club premises, and that he had refused to play a match with the club's under-19 team.

The judge said he accepted Scharmann's denial that he had given no such undertaking.

He said there was strong reason for thinking Mr Papallo was trying to set up some excuse for getting rid of Scharmann, who had twice pulled a leg muscle during soccer practice and had missed several competition games.

If Scharmann had on one occasion disobeyed an order by the club's coach, Mr Bartolo, to play with the under-19 team, as permitted under Australian soccer federation rules, it did not necessarily follow that the club was entitled to dismiss him.

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He suspended the execution of his order for 14 days so the club could consider an appeal.



Johann Scharmann (right) in action against Heidelberg early this year. From left: Bob Vincent, Ian McKie and Sebastian Giampaolo.

Death threats—Rodny quits

Death threats made against NSW Federation president Karel Rodny at the height of the recent debate concerning NSL regionalisation, led to his decision last week not to seek re-election.

Former Sydney Olympic president John Constantine, is tipped to become Rodny's successor.

"You can't gamble with the life of your family," said Rodny.

"I have been abused. I have been told that my house will be blown up, and my family with it."

Constantine will make his bid for the presidency at the annual general meeting of the NSW Federation in November.

"I feel I have a big contribution to make," he said.

"NSW represents a 25 percent interest

at ASF level and can have a big influence on Australian soccer. I think the priorities for administrators should be the national team, the youth team and some form of national club competition."

Constantine refused to be drawn into the recent rift between the NSW Federation and the ASF. NSW was the only State to oppose the NSL's regionalisation proposals.

Rodny's departure ends 12 years at the helm of soccer in NSW.

BLEAK LOCAL SCENE DRIVES STARS AWAY

KAT'S CORNER with PETER KATHOLOS

I'm afraid we'll see more and more of our top players leaving Australia to try their luck in Europe because they see little future in staying here.

Already Alan Davidson, Tommy McCulloch, David Low, Robbie Slater, and Rod Brown have announced they're off at the end of the season for overseas trials.

Many see the chance for fame and fortune, others simply want a new challenge.

But all are finding it very hard to predict where Australian soccer is heading. Clubs are facing enormous financial problems, the crowds are dwindling and next season most clubs intend to cut wages and signing-on fees.

It's no wonder then that the best young players are seeking greener pastures elsewhere — and their departure will lower the standard of our soccer even more.

Well done, Aggie

I'm glad that the NSW Rothmans Medal went to a skilful ballplayer — Agenor Muniz, the former Sydney Hakoah and Adelaide Juventus star.

Aggie was out of soccer for quite a while due to injury, then decided to join Avail and has completed his comeback in the most spectacular way possible.

By the way, I had a look at the Rothmans Medal recently. It's made of solid gold, and it's worth about \$5000.

I must say the NSL's Wedgewood Bow pale into insignificance. But then Wedgewood has withdrawn its sponsorship.

Detectors want to interview the former Manchester United manager about outstanding payments to his estranged wife Agnes.

A warrant demanding 4,000 pounds in



What the NSL needs is a best player award as prestigious as the Rothmans Medal.

Tansey's men a worry

It's amazing what a new face can do. Since Jim Tansey took over as coach of Heidelberg-Alexander, the team won three games and drew two out of the five they had played before last weekend.

It's Sydney Olympic's turn to meet the Bergers on Sunday and they certainly won't be pushovers.

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Phil O'Connor (Wollongong) increased his lead over Charlie Yankos (Heidelberg) in the voting for the Boral Bricks \$1500 Player of the Year awards at the weekend, with only two rounds to go.

Doug Brown (SM-Hellas) meanwhile drew one goal clear in the Boral Bricks \$1000 top scorer's award.

John Kosmina (Hakoah), last year's top scorer, is only a goal behind Brown, after having scored in the 3-0 victory over Brisbane Lions.

This week's votes:

SOUTH MELBOURNE HELLAS 2 (Brown, Woodfin) MARCONI-FAIRFIELD 1

(Henderson) at Middle Park, Crowd about 10,000. Votes by Laurie Schwab:

6. Henderson (Marc), 5. Yzendoorn (Hellas), 4. Laumets (Hellas), 3. Bozanic (Marc), 2. Russell (Hellas), 1. Egan (Hellas).

BRISBANE CITY 0 WOLONGONG 2 (Dumeley, O'Connor) at Spencer Park. Crowd about 800. Votes by Matt Brigden:

6. O'Connor (W), 5. Liddell (BC), 4. Preston (W), 3. Vlietstra (W), 2. Cairney (BC), 1. Ainsworth (W).

WEST ADELAIDE HELLAS 1 (Brown) SYDNEY HELLAS 1 at Hindmarsh Stadium. Crowd: 950. Votes by Frank Pangallo:

6. Dunn (WA), 5. Sprout (WA), 4. Atsalas (WA), 3. Meier (SO), 2. Soper (SO), 1. Heys (WA).

PRESTON MAKEDONIA 2 (McMillan pen., Lucchesi)

FOOTSCRAY JUST 1 (O'Donnell) at Connor Reserve. Crowd: about 3500. Votes by Peter Desira:

6. McMillan (Mak), 5. Kyriakouleas (JUST), 4. Odzakov (Mak), 3. Curovic (JUST), 2. O'Donnell (JUST), 1. Opasini (Mak).

CANBERRA ARROWS 2 (Farina, Gibson pen) ADELAIDE CITY JUVENTUS 1 (Blair) at Bruce Stadium. Crowd: 1032. Votes by Peter Windsor:

6. Farina (C), 5. Ambrosino (C), 4. Mullen (AC), 3. Murray (C), 2. Blair (AC), 1. Metta (AC).

NEWCASTLE KB UNITED 1 (Lowe) ST. GEORGE BUDAPEST 2 (Slater, Wilkinson) at International Sports Centre. Crowd: 3758. Votes by Joe Lanzoni:

6. Skeen (St G), 5. Watson (N), 4. Stone (St G), 3. H. Tre-

dinnick (N), 2. Barton (St G), 1. Lowe (N).

APIA-LEICHARDT 2 (Morsello, Sharne) HEIDELBERG-ALEXANDER 3 (Yseen, Valentine, Cole) at Lamb Park. Crowd: 2500. Votes by Alex Vesic:

6. Oliver (H), 5. Tredinnick (APIA), 4. Yankos (H), 3. Bradley (APIA), 2. Carter (APIA), 1. Col (H).

SYDNEY CITY HAKOAH 3 (Kosmina, Boden, Gomez) BRISBANE LIONS 0 at St George Stadium. Crowd about 800. Votes by Knut Werner:

6. Boden (SC), 5. Watson (SC), 4. Cant (SC), 3. Hunter (BL), 2. Hogg (BL), 1 Wright (BL).

Leaders:

80. O'Connor (W).
75. Yankos (H).
65. Odzakov (Mak).
63. Davidson (SM).
62. Ratcliffe (St G).
58. Bradley (APIA).

57. Banfield (AC), P. Tredinnick (APIA).

56. Henderson (Marc).
55. Kyriakouleas (JUST), Skeen (St G).

54. Wright (BL), Heys (WA), Sermani (Mak).

53. Lowe (N).
50. Burke (N), J. Watson (SC), Bryant (C).
49. Jones (Mak).
48. Farina (C).
47. Crino (SM).
46. Greedy (St G).
42. Carroll (JUST), Hoszowski (C).
41. Mariani (APIA).

40. Bertogna (APIA).
McMillan (Mak), T. Byrne (C).

39. Vlietstra (W).

38. Tokesi (BC), Honeyman (WA), Patikas (SO), Halford (SM).

37. B. Nyskohus (AC), G. Watson (N), Katholos (SO).

36. Hamilton, Wishart (BC), Senkalski (N), R. Stewart (BL), Robertson (SC).

35. Murphy (SM).
34. Perry (BC), Metta (AC), Boland (JUST), G. Campbell (Mak), Hunter (BL).

33. Lucces (Mak).

32. Liddell (BC), Villani (AC), McDowell (JUST), Niven (BL), S. O'Connor (SC), Lea (H).

31. Egan (SM).

30. Flounders (AC), Mason (N), Belic (JUST), Gaffney (W), Soper (SO), Paterson (SO).

Top scorers:

14. Brown (SM).
13. Soper (SO), Kosmina (SC).

12. Bradley (APIA), O'Connor (W).

11. Paton (JUST), Cotton (W), Egan (SM).

10. Mullen (AC), Lucchesi (Mak).

9. Slater, Marton (St G), Lowe (N), Wright (BL), Lea (H), Ward (Mak).

8. Mountford (N), R. Brown (Marc), Bryant (C).

7. Morsello (APIA), Hamilton (BC), Gomez (SC), J. Campbell (H).

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National League standings

Last week's standings in brackets.

	HOME	AWAY	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	Gls	Pts
1. (2) Sydney City Hakoah	10	4	0	27	6	4	5	5	16	21	4327	51	
2. (1) St George Budapest	7	5	1	19	9	7	4	4	22	16	4125	51	
3. (3) South Melbourne Hellas	8	3	4	22	18	7	2	4	20	16	4234	50	
4. (5) Preston Makedonia	10	2	2	29	13	4	5	5	15	18	4431	49	
5. (4) Newcastle KB United	6	4	4	19	9	7	3	4	24	15	4324	46	
6. (6) Sydney Olympic	6	3	6	22	19	5	2	6	13	13	3532	38	
7. (7) APIA-Leichardt	9	2	3	28	12	2	2	10	14	23	4235	37	
8. (8) Marconi-Fairfield	6	5	3	24	18	3	5	6	16	18	4036	37	
9. (10) Heidelberg-Alexander	7	2	4	19	13	2	8	5	14	23	3336	37	
10. (13) Canberra Arrows	8	3	3	27	14	2	2	10	15	32	4246	35	
11. (9) Footscray JUST.	6	4	4	16	19	3	4	7	18	19	2438	35	
12. (11) Adelaide City Juventus	6	3	6	18	17	3	3	8	16	21	3438	33	
13. (12) Brisbane City	4	5	5	19	22	4	4	6	12	21	3143	33	
14. (14) West Adelaide	5	6	4	16	17	1	6	6	6	16	2233	30	
15. (16) Wollongong	1	10	3	18	19	3	4	8	22	33	4054	26	
16. (15) Brisbane Lions	5	2	6	22	21	1	4	10	11	37	3358	24	

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WOMEN

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Don't laugh — top three all could lose on Sunday

So close is the NSL that Makedonia could win the title — from fourth place — as early as next Sunday.

Makedonia almost certainly would be the 1983 champion if the three leaders lose this week — Hakoah to Newcastle, St George Budapest to Marconi and SM-Hellas to APIA.

But if Hakoah and St George both win, the stage would be set for a goalscoring contest in the final round, when Hakoah meets Canberra at Bruce Stadium and St George clashes with St George.

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Makedonia should beat them at the moment.

The return of George Todorovski has given Makedonia's team better balance, making the defence a little sounder, and enabling Peter Ollerton to concentrate on a more offensive role.

Before I move on to the other title contenders, I want to tell you that I'm sick and tired of reading — particularly in Press reports emanating from Sydney that Makedonia (sorry, Preston, according to the Sydney-siders) is an "unfashionable" team.

What the hell does that mean?

After SM-Hellas and Olympic, Makedonia draws the biggest crowds in the NSL. How, then, Makedonia's "unfashionable"?

Back to the title race, where anything could happen at the weekend.

APIA v. SM-HELLAS: Skipper Terry Butler will be back

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First win
since
June 26

By
FRANK
PANGALLO

WA-Hellas 1
Syd. Olympic 0

Scorer: Brown 75 min.
At Hindmarsh.
 Crowd 950.
Referee: J. Rossi (SA) 8.
Cautions: Raskopolous (SO).

WEST ADELAIDE HELLAS:
Sprout 8; McGregor 7; Hiern 7; Dunn 9; Papazoglou 7; Atsalas 2; Stamatelopoulos 7; Honeyman 7; Brown 7; Konstandopoulos 7; Hayes.

SYDNEY OLYMPIC: Meier 8; Rogers 7; Dakos 7; Jennings 7; Cooley 7; Patikas 6; Raskopolous 7; Phillips 7; Soper 8; Koussas 7; Patikas 7 (Katholos 78 min.).

Just about everybody had forgotten the last time West Adelaide Hellas had won a match.

You had to go back to June 26 when Wests disposed of Brisbane Lions...15 rounds ago!

Fill-in coach Peter Koulizos, Alan Vest's successor, was true to his word by giving the club's youngsters a run while the club saw out a disappointing season.

None are Brennan, Wormley, Amey, McGachey and Crook, mainstays of the team for most of the year and all of them disappointing for most of the time they spent on the pitch.

In have come the young hopes — Papazoglou, Stamatelopoulos, Konstandopoulos, Vahavilos and Calandarlis. All of them inexperienced but obviously players with some ability.

And its no coincidence that the young blood carries strong Greek links.

Helas's administration believes part of the reason the fans have stayed away in droves is that there just haven't been any local heroes with ethnic backgrounds.

But in the first half Olympic's skill and attacking flair threatened to overwhelm the young Hellas side.

Olympic managed to get the ball into the net but referee Rossis, on the advice of a linesman, correctly disallowed the goal.

Hellas had little drive and rarely moved into attack. It's game was negative kick and run stuff with its strikers being put under pressure by unnecessary high balls and thoughtless passing.

But Hellas managed to turn the tables and casual Olympic was punished.

In contrast to the first half, Hellas showed more endeavour. Players fought for every ball and the passing became more direct and effective.

Konstandopoulos began to breathe fire up front and looked set to sidestep Meier for an easy goal when the Olympic goalkeeper made a superlative lunge at the striker's feet.

But Meier had no chance of preventing Hellas scoring when a Heys pilerdrift struck beneath the bar and rebound for Brown to nod in.

Eddie Thomson confident of title win

Sydney City 3
Bris. Lions 0

Scorer: Kosmina 20th.
Boden 55th, Gomez 84th.
Venue: St George Stadium.
 Crowd: about 800.
Referee: Wilkinson 7.

SYDNEY CITY: Pezzano 6 — Muller 6, O'Connor 6 (Borges H.T. 6), Robertson 6, Cant 7 — Watson 7, Kay 6, Gomez 6 — Boden 7, Kosmina 6, Murray 6.

BRSBANE LIONS: Beves 5 — McShane 5, Vazquez 5, Hunter 6, Niven 5 — Stewart 5, Hogg 6, Vincent 4 — Wright 6, Daunt 5, Anderson 5.

Sydney City coach Eddie Thomson was undecided whether to laugh or cry after his team scored a convincing 3-0 win over Brisbane Lions at St. George Stadium.



Olympic's Terry Patalis (left) gets in this shot despite a desperate attempt to block by West Adelaide's Brendan Hiern. Picture by FRANK HOBBS.

Newcastle drops out

Newcastle 1
St George 2

Scorer: 51st Lowe (N) 58th
Slater (St. G), 60th Wilkinson
(St. G)

Venue: International Sports
Centre.

Crowd: 3785.

Referee: Doug Rennie 7.

Cautions: Merton, M. O'—shea.

NEWCASTLE KB UNITED:
Greedy 7 — skeen 8, M.
O'Shea 7, Ratcliffe 8, R.
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THE PREMIERSHIP RACE WHEN IT
WAS DEFEATED BY ST. GEORGE,
SO ENDING A GALLANT ATTEMPT TO
WIN ITS FIRST TITLE.

In a game of vital importance to both clubs, the local side had most of the play in the first half.

The second half saw Newcastle pick up its tempo and in the 49th minute the crowd was

brought to its feet when Joe Senkalski was brought down in the penalty area, but referee Doug Rennie denied the local team a penalty.

Only one minute later Grant Lee was found by a Watson's pass on the right, rounded Robert O'Shea and sent in a great left shot that looked to have goal written all over it but Terry Greedy brilliantly palmed the ball over the bar.

However, Newcastle was not to be denied for long. Shortly afterwards Joe Senkalski made ground from the midfield before letting go with a left foot thunderbolt that beat Greedy but struck the underside of the crossbar. The rebound was picked up by David Lowe who despatched it to the back of the net through a crowd of players to the delight of the local fans.

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New Zealand's squad will be strengthened further for the World Cup by the return of Wynton Rufer, whose brilliant play with FC Zurich has made him a big hit with the Swiss ladies.

Kiwis fly high, Roos grounded

Compare what's happening in NZ with what's happening here at home.

The ASF is talking about reverting, after eight years, to a part-time national coach.

It planned four-nation tournament fell apart at the seams.

It banned visits by a Greek, a Portuguese and a Brazilian team — all of which would have given our players valuable international experience.

Nothing is so far planned after the Merlion Cup tournament in Singapore.

We had two national coaches this year.

And in 1984 we're supposed to have a part-time coach!

Was a part-time national coach from 1971 to 1974 and the clubs for which I worked during that time — St. George, Marconi and Pan Hellenic — had to make enormous sacrifices in order to enable me to fulfil my national team duties. Luckily we managed to win three grand finals during that time.

I selected about 88 per cent of my players from NSW and in doing so I probably overlooked many from other States. For that I am sorry, but my club commitments prevented me from spending sufficient times to evaluate those other players.

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So let's forget this crazy notion of having a part-time national coach.

In my opinion, we need a full-time national team manager — who must also be a qualified coach — to co-ordinate all national teams and to supervise the coaches of the various national teams. The coach of the senior team also must be a full-time appointee.

There's been talk that Jim Shoulder may be named the national youth squad. I've got nothing against Jim, but he came from nowhere, was appointed national coach, and now he's suddenly a leading candidate for the second most important job in Australian coaching without ever having coached a club side.

Sure, most of the 1983 national youth team players came from the Institute of Sport where Shoulder coaches, but then the Institute invites the best youth players from throughout Australia. By European standards, however, the Institute is only an advanced soccer camp. Such institutes should produce coaches, not players.

The people at the top in Australian soccer seem to be living in the past. They face the choice of making soccer

more professional or turning it completely amateur. The way they're going, they'll probably do the latter.

Irresponsible

A newspaper columnist in Sydney wrote that my name was connected with Sydney Olympic before Tom Doherty. It was rather strange, as I wasn't even in NSW at the time, and if I were a candidate, The Doc would have been the first to know — directly from the horse's mouth.

I feel journalism becomes irresponsible when you write such things without checking.

The same writer supported the notion of having a part-time national coach, yet the writer himself was a full-time coach of both Canberra and St George ...

Rudi in Japan

Rudi Gutendorf has fallen on his feet again.

Since leaving Australia, he's bobbed up in Africa, in Nepal and in Fiji. Now he's landed a plum job as coach of Yomiuri.

His first recruit was striker Steve Paterson of Sydney Olympic, and he's currently in West Germany signing up goalkeeper Stomiv, ex-Hajduk.

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"I told the committee that bringing in a lot of new players would only cause problems. It's okay if you're talking about buying established players, but some of the players the committee wanted to sign were no better than the ones we had."

"I didn't believe too much in big, strong strikers before, but playing with Gus Macleod at Gully kind of changed my outlook on the game. I realised that it was good to have the option, if you ever were under pressure, of knocking a long, high ball forward."

"I knew that we'd pin teams inside their defensive half for most of the season and I wanted a big man in the opposition box. I went for Graham French at first. I thought we could improve his game, get him interested again, and he could improve the team's performance. Juventus initially let him go.

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Gardiner thinks that Croatia could easily have survived in the 1984 NSL with its present squad. He feels that they will be better prepared to the team next year, and Heidelberg president Sam Gouliopoulos expressed interest in having Gardiner as coach in 1984.

The crunch probably came when Ajax president Guy Spieler allegedly told some VSB club members that he'd welcome Gardiner back with open arms. Spieler's alleged comments carried quickly to the ears of Croatia committee.

Now everyone wants to know what Gardiner will be doing in 1984.

"I've had an approach from one club but that's my business right now. I'm not saying which club. I'm free as a player and I'm free as a coach. I'd only play in the National League if I could get through the pre-season training all-right and even then, only under a coach who could be of benefit to me."

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TEN-STAR TONY!

SM-Hellas 2 Marconi 1

Goals: 1-0 Brown 64th, 1-1 Henderson 66th, 2-1 Wooddin 68th.

Venue: Middle Park.

Crowd: about 10,000.

Referee: Chris Bambridge 8.

Cautions: Bozanic, Djordjevic (Marc), Brown (Hellas).

SOUTH MELBOURNE HELLAS: Laumets 8 — Russell 8, Blair 7, Yzendoorn 9, Davidson 7 — Halford 6, Crino 8, Murphy 7 — Egan 8, Brown 8, Wooddin 7. Coach: Len McKendry.

MARCONI-FAIRFIELD: James 8 — Djordjevic 8, Henderson 10, Budini 8, Bozanic 8 — Carbone 7 (Licitas 83rd), Sermani 7, McCullach 8, Hunter 7, Wian 6, Jankovics 6. Coach: Doug Collins.

"Soccer Action" doesn't award many 10-ratings — in fact, the only one I remember this year is for Zarko Odakovic's performance in a 4-0 victory over Macedonia over Brisbane City — but Tony Henderson certainly deserved it last Sunday.

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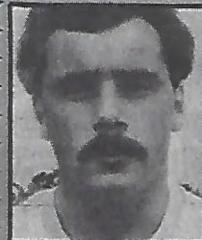
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ALL-STARS OF 1983



Steve Moore



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VICTORIA

Here is our 1983 Victorian State League Team of the Year. Players have been selected solely on the basis of votes cast in our Ametco Travel Player of the Year award. In the case of a tie for any position, we have used our own judgement.

18 — Sean KEOGH (Doveton)

11 — Tom Costello (Albion)
8 — Lou Denys (Ajax)

19 — Peter LEWIS (Ajax)

19 — Ian Roodhouse (B. Hill)
13 — Rick Lipiarski (Pol)

21 — Chris KALIFATIDIS (Hellas)

19 — Stefan Mile (Pol)
14 — David Brooks (R. Wilh)

15 — Frank MACLEOD (Albion)

13 — George Bozikis (North)
12 — Donald Brownlie (B. Hill)

30 — Harry HIRD (Juventus)

13 — Gary Hobson (Croy)
11 — Chris Taylor (S.G. Cross)

19 — Josip BISKIC (Croatia)

9 — Andrew Zinni (Juve)
8 — Pedro Ramos (B. Hill)

35 — Steve MOORE (Northcote)

15 — Jim MacLean (Morw)
13 — Kevin Lloyd (Juve)

16 — Gerry BENNETT (S.G. Cross)

14 — Richard Miranda (B. Hill)
12 — Eric Young (Morw)

18 — Jim WILLIAMS (Ajax)

17 — Fab Incantakupo (Juve)
9 — Steve Gojevic (Croatia)

20 — Ian TUFFIELD (Fawkner)

14 — Peter Verechia (B. Hill)
10 — Dave Drogan (Croatia)

29 — Tommy CUMMING (Croatia)

18 — Paul Lewis (Ajax)
9 — Bobby McGuinness (Morw)

A TEAM

STEVE WATSON (Croatia)

JOHN LEMBRYK (Avala)

KEITH SCHUMANN (Sutherland)

JOHN BERTRAM (Kuringai)

DRAGO TOMASICH (Croatia)

MARK HARRINGTON (Sutherland)

MARIAN KOVACIC (Croatia)

BILLY GRIFFITHS (Melita)

MIKE McLAUGHLIN (Blacktown)

NICK THEODORAKOPOULOS (Canterbury)

JOHN MCKIE (Melita)

NSW

By ALEX VESIC

Many a coach, manager or mere spectator had an opportunity to pick his own side in the past'

Oh, it's easy, dead easy, just to sit down and pick 11 players you feel are deserving of your choice. But I've attempted instead to find the best "team" in the NSW State League.

I must warn that this is not intended to be a team of best players. It is a team of players I believe would function as a side and best all before them in the State League.

To select a side which can function well involves a certain amount of risk. To pick a goalkeeper of the year would be quite easy for it would be a choice between Alex McPherson of Melita or Steve Watson of Croatia. Barry Hoare or Peter Freeman of Blacktown as well as Mal Haynes of Sutherland and Peter Ahrens of Avala had some fine games, but Alex and Steve, having conceded only 11 goals each all year must surely be way in front.

Billy Griffiths of Melita, Nick Theodorakopoulos of Canterbury and John Bertram of Kuringai are also among those who would fit into the side to beat 'em all.

Billy Griffiths for his value in not only giving Melita an edge over its opponents in the State League, Nick Theodorakopoulos for winning the top scorer award at the age of 18, and John Bertram of Kuringai (ex-Asburn), for outstanding performances in defence this year.

Let's look at the side selected:



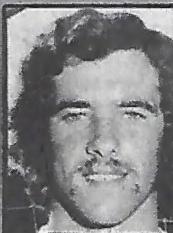
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Keith Schumann



Drago Tomasic



Victorian Press awards



Victorian Coach of Year, Makedonia's Peter Ollerton (left) accepts his award from Laurie Schwab, representing "Soccer Action".

It's Roos or England for Lewis

By CRAIG MACKENZIE

Paul Lewis capped a memorable season in the Victorian State League with Green Gully Ajax by winning the 1983 Bill Fleming Medal but national coach **Les Scheinflug** may have the final say in this future.

"I'm hoping to play for Australia in the Merlion tournament in Singapore later this year. I watched Australis playing England in Melbourne earlier this year and I watched strikers Phil O'Connor and John Kosmina. I know that I can do the job and I know that I can score goals. It's not that hard to score in a good team," said Lewis.

Lewis isn't selected in the Socceroo squad to contest the Merlion Trophy, he'll go ahead with a planned trip to the U.K. He's due to leave on November 14.

He'll probably train with English Fourth Division club Chester, close to where he'll be staying. Lewis, 22, comes from a small town just outside Chester. He signed schoolboy forms with Liverpool as a 14-year-old but served his apprenticeship with Chester before signing professional forms.

Former Ajax manager-coach, Bobby McLachlan, now coaching Footscray J.U.S.T., brought Lewis to Ajax in 1981.

Lewis top-scored in the State League last year with 23 goals.

He again topped the scorers this season, scoring 31.

If he's not selected in the Socceroo squad, he may be lost to Australian soccer. He'll seriously consider any offers to turn professional in England although he hasn't been soundly beaten by any clubs yet.

Lewis is yet to talk to Ajax about signing a new contract for next year when the progressive club expects to be in the NSL. He'll have talks with Ajax before going to the U.K. but it's unlikely he'll sign a new contract.

"I'm proud to have won the

ASPA Medal. It's a tremendous mark of recognition from the Soccer Press and it helps people to take notice of you, which can't be bad for any player," said Lewis.

The Bill Fleming Medal, named in honour of the late editor of former 'Argus' journalist Bill Fleming, is an annual award presented by the Victorian branch of the Australian Soccer Press Association. A panel of journalists, appointed by the VSPF who sponsors the medal, votes on a 6-4-3-2-1 basis, a couple of hours before the presentation night, to select the best State League player of the year.

The City and Overseas Club in Windsor again hosted the media presentation and innovation was the presence of women at this year's awards night, finally ending the sexist practice of males only.

However, another discriminatory practice — the loyal toast — still is in operation. Now, I'm not at odds with supporters of the English monarchy. I just want to point out that this is a multicultural country, best exemplified by the soccer sub-culture. There were Italians, Greeks, Germans, Australians, Yugoslavs, Croatians, Macedonians, Croats, real Scots and a host of others present. What Queen Elizabeth means to them, goodness knows!

There was a record turnout at this year's award, a sign that the function is growing in status and prestige. That's important to those of us who are ASPA members.



Bill Fleming Medal winner, Paul Lewis of Ajax.

Berger yet, same player

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Heidelberg Alexander and Soccercoo defender Charlie Yankos, voted Victoria's National League Player of the Year.

Ametco voting, top scorers

Steve Moore completed a unique double with Northcote this year. He was the highest vote-getter in our Ametco State League Player of the Year award and by scoring nine goals in league games he also is Northcote's leading scorer.

What makes Moore's feat even more remarkable is that he started the season in midfield but Northcote coach Tony Vrzina was forced, through injury to stopper John Creany, to switch Moore to sweeper with George Bozikis taking over Creany's duties.

State League leading scorer, Paul Lewis, finished third highest vote-getter among Green Gully Ajax players while Tommy Cumming, second highest polling Croatia player, finished runner-up to David Brogan in his club's scorers' list.

Northcote's Bozikis pipped Polonia stopper Danny McCluskey as the leading 'own goal' getter of the season. Bozikis scored against his own team three times, once more than McCluskey.

GREEN GULLY AJAX

VOTES:
19 — Peter Lewis
18 — Jim Williams
16 — Paul Lewis
12 — Steve Short
9 — David Hogben
8 — Lou Denys

BOX HILL

VOTES:
19 — Ian Roodhouse
14 — Peter Verechia, Richard Mirandola
12 — Donald Brownlie
10 — Steve McLeod
8 — Pedro Ramos
6 — Andy Hughes
4 — John McKinlay
3 — Ray Taylor
1 — Matt McDonald, Paul Priestley
GOALS:
9 — Peter Verechia
4 — Paul Priestley
3 — Donovan Lawler, David

AZZOPARDI, Matt McDonald, Richard Mirandola, Brian Keenan, Pedro Ramos, Andy Hughes

1 — Ray Taylor, Alan McKenna, John Gabreison, Donald Brownlie

CROATIA

VOTES:
29 — Tommy Cumming
19 — Josip Biskic
10 — David Brogan
9 — Steve Gojevic, Keith Adams

8 — Sean Parton
7 — Jozo Antolovic
5 — Ossie Latif
4 — George Hannah
3 — Tony Curcio, Peter Blasby

1 — Jeff Faulkner

GOALS:
21 — David Brogan
19 — Tommy Cumming
11 — Ossie Latif
5 — Jozo Antolovic, Josip Biskic, Sean Parton
3 — Tony Curcio
1 — Steve Gojevic

Own goals: Paul Corke (Doveon), Jim Kalambokis (Hellas)

CROYDON CITY

VOTES:
13 — Gary Hobson
10 — Paul Wade
8 — Jimmy Rooney, Mike Rainey, Ian Dobson
7 — Joe Sweeney, Steve Marley

6 — Steve McCombe, Steve Irvine

4 — Gus Macleod

3 — Terry Nolan, Mark Brown

2 — Peter Loughnane, Lou Kastner

GOALS:
8 — Terry Nolan
7 — Paul Wade, Joe Sweeney

6 — Gus Macleod

4 — Peter Loughnane

2 — Steve Irvine, Ian Dobson, Ian Loughnane

1 — Steve McCombe, Mike Rainey, Mark Brown

Own goal: George Bozikis (Northcote)

DOVETON

VOTES:
18 — Sean Keogh
12 — Peter Thurlow
8 — John Dowie, Stan Webster, Graham Watson

3 — Paul Corke, Mark Lennon

2 — Ron McIvor, Andy Millar

1 — Ernie Merrick, Ian Stirling, Greg McLeod

GOALS:
6 — John Dowie, Stan Webster, Ian Stirling

4 — Peter Thurlow, Mark Lennon

2 — Billy Buchanan

1 — Paul Brabbin, Colin Bartlett

FAWKNER

VOTES:

20 — Ian Tuffield
9 — George Bozikis

8 — Bruno Cozzella

6 — Mel Anselmo

4 — Joe Palinkas

3 — Jim Kondarios

2 — Serge Sabbadini

1 & Andy Bozikas, Tony Schipano, Bruno Sabidussi, Ralph Petrocelli

GOALS:
10 — Bruno Cozzella

5 — Ian Tuffield

4 — Joe Palinkas, Mel Anselmo

2 — Tony Schipano, Carlo Sabidussi

1 — John Sannipoli, Andy Bozikas, Jim Kondarios, Michael Giacomi

Own goal: Andy Millar (Doveton)

NORTHCOTE CITY

VOTES:

35 — Steve Moore

33 — George Bozikis

9 — Colin Quigley

8 — Mark Wilson

6 — John Creany

4 — Branko Culina

3 — Spiro Tsetsos

1 — John Giannopoulos

GOALS:
9 — Steve Moore

7 — Jim Sahinidis

5 — Spiro Tsetsos

2 — Branko Culina, Peter Constantinou, Colin Quigley, George Bozikis

1 — Samir Wright, John Creany, Jeff Gorman, Arthur Patinotis, Mark Wilson

POLOMIA

VOTES:

19 — Stefan Mila

13 — Rick Liparski

9 — George Petrov

8 — Danny McCluskey

5 — Andrew Czapnik

4 — Peter Czapnik, Alex Marshall

3 — Joe Tront

2 — Leszek Zielakowski, Mirek Smolarek

1 — Brendan Lakic, Janusz Przybysz, Adam Dachs

GOALS:
12 — Alex Marshall

11 — Janusz Przybysz

5 — Tadik Krysinski

3 — George Petrov

1 — Danny McCluskey, Peter Czapnik, Marian Jaworski, Andrew Czapnik

Own goals: Eddie Pena (Wilhelmina), Lou Denys (Ajax), Kyle Patterson (Box Hill)

HELLAS

VOTES:

21 — Chris Kalafatidis

5 — Chris Bekiaris, Peter Varakas

4 — Angie Postecoglou, Manny Aneakis

3 — Mark Perree, Vlado Bozivovski, Jimmy Armstrong

2 — Mark Turudia, John Kane-soulis

GOALS:
10 — Chris Bekiaris

4 — Jim Kalambokis

2 — Vlado Bozivovski

1 — Pepe Araujo, Jim Bitsos, John Yzendoorn, Duncan Cummings, Branko Buljevic, Steve Rakantonis, John Kane-soulis

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JUVENTUS

VOTES:

16 — Gerry Bennett

11 — Chris Taylor

9 — Roger Bain

8 — Carl Gilder

7 — Steve Richardson

6 — Jim O'Reilly

5 — Steve Scerri, Mick McGowan

3 — John Stevenson, Norrie Pate

1 — John Campbell

GOALS:
11 — Gerry Bennett

10 — Carl Gilder

9 — Gerry Bennett, Roger Bain

3 — Mick McGowan

2 — John Stevenson, Steve Richardson

1 — Steve Ellis, Hugh McCann, Dave Rigby, Chris Taylor, Steve Scerri

Own goals: Danny McCluskey (Fawkner), Pauline (Polonia), Cesare Fattore (Fawkner), Tiziano Cavallari (Fawkner)

MORWELL FALCONS

VOTES:

14 — Jim MacLean

12 — Eric Yerrell

11 — Barry Bingham

9 — Kenny McGuinness

8 — John O'Callaghan

7 — Jim Tront

5 — Noel Mitten

2 — Andrew Halkett

1 — Sandy Irvine, Billy Whitside, Alan Evans

GOALS:
14 — Jim McGuinness

4 — Jim MacLean, Alan Evans

2 — John O'Callaghan

1 — Tony van Baar, Harry Bingham, Noel Mitten

Own goal: George Bozikis (Northcote)

WILHELMINA

VOTES:

14 — David Brooks

6 — Kenny Stewart

5 — David Cork, Rick Janssen, Dave Gibson

3 — Nick van Egmond, Stuart Lee

2 — Neil Garvey

1 — Graham Haupt

5 — Kenny Stewart

3 — Neil Garvey

2 — Brian Thorpe

1 — Joe Tront, Guy Bakker, Barry Burton, David Brooks, John Nyholt, Eddie Pena

Own goal: Steve Gadsby (Doveton)

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Some former Fleming Medal winners pose with 1983 winner Paul Lewis. Back row: Paul (Hellas, 1974), Frank Micic (JUST, 1973), John Gaffney (George Cross, 1972), Front: Tom Cumming (Croatia, 1978, 1979), Billy Vojtek (Juventus, 1976).



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not that Yankos is short of confidence. His displays in a green and gold strip against the might of England earlier this year stamped him as an Australian international of no mean stature.

"When you play for your country it's only right to play at club level. Even though we had quality players, we were the best attitude for the full 90 minutes against the likes of Trevor Francis and Sammy Lee."

"I'm hoping to be picked to play for Australia in the Merlion Trophy in Singapore and I see no reason, provided we have the same attitude we had last England, why we can't do it. I'm really looking forward to this tournament."

Heidelberg has a commanding young coach in Terry Butler who started him in a serious slump and caused a coaching reshuffle, Tansey replacing Kenny Morton six weeks ago. Since then the team has undergone a revival and Yankos is enjoying his game again.

We all got together when Jimmy Sney and Gary Cole took over and spoke about the National Cup semi-final coming up soon against Hellas. Realised that if we wanted success next year, then the Cup was our last chance. The best we can finish in the cup is sixth.

Right now, this is the best I've seen Heidelberg play as a team and been at the club for four or five years. We had some great seasons under Len McHenry and he's a really good coach. But we needed to really get back to us if we did things wrong, not that same pressure now, we've got a bit more freedom and are not so stereotyped.

I really think that we'll win the cup. It doesn't matter where either of us is on the league ladder when we're in Hellas. It's always going to be a game but I'm confident that I beat them."

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3. Mike Petersen (H'berg), Steve Stojovic (Croatia).

2. Mike Valentine (H'berg), Conakos (South Oakleigh), John abrielson (Box Hill).

COACH OF THE YEAR

43. Peter Ollerton (Makedonia).

37. Bobby McLachlan (JUST).

28. Len McHenry (Ajax).

12. Ian Murray (Box Hill).

5. John Gardner (Croatia), Manos Ilios (Varraville).

4. Taku Svengos (Port Melbourne).

2. Danny McMinnies (Frankston).

1. David Smallman (Ajax).

REFEREE OF THE YEAR

46. Chris Bambridge.

32. Sam Zoumas.

30. Jim Fearn.

16. Stewart Mellings.

5. Dennis Voutassis.

3. Evan Venios.



What a 36th birthday present for Chris Bambridge, seen holding his trophy for the 13 Referee of the Year, the fourth time he has won the award.



1970

George Blues
A.P.I.A. Leichhardt
23 points



1971

John Watkiss
Hakoah Eastern Subs.
31 points



1972

Manfred Schaefer
St. George Budapest
30 points



1973

John McDonald
Auburn
30 points



1974

Mike Trebilcock
Western Suburbs
19 points



1975

John McDonald
Sutherland Shire
26 points



1976

Bruce Stowell
Pan Helicene
32 points



1977

John Watkiss
Sutherland Shire
26 points



1978

Terry Butler
A.P.I.A. Leichhardt
27 points



1979

John Lee
Bankstown
36 points



1980

Neil Williams
Canterbury-
Marrickville
Olympic
35 points



1981

Dezider Marton
St. George
30 points

ALL THE VOTES



Rothmans Medal

Kirwan (Black), A. Robertson (Ku), N. Theodorakopoulos (Cant).

6. J. Andreou (Cant), T. Bertram (Ku), W. Brown (Bank), D. Duarte (Mel), S. Knight (Ku), D. Laing (Cant), J. Quigley (Aub), T. Smith (Man), L. Sterry (Cant), A. Tracey (Pol), G. Vujinovic (Aub).

5. C. Antonopoulos (Cant), G. Curcic (Man), A. Scott (Man), J. Studdard (Black), G. Vieri (Man).

8. B. Cashman (Suth), A. El-Zein (Cant), Z. Garlowski (Pol), J. McKie (Mel), S. Giffin (Bank).

7. D. Allen (Mel), B. Doyle (Man), M. Haynes (Cant), P. Woods (Cant), G. Vujinovic (Aub).

16. P. Ahrens (Av), S. Regan (Ku), R. Farrugia (Mel), C. Eaton (Ku), A. Reis (Mon), S. Salvage (Black).

13. R. Carney (Aub), T. Rasmussen (Black), B. Woods (Cant), I. Barker (Pol), J. Basterfield (Cant), T. Bertram (Ku), D. Duarte (Mel), S. Knight (Ku), D. Laing (Cant), J. Quigley (Aub), T. Smith (Man), L. Sterry (Cant), A. Tracey (Pol), G. Vujinovic (Aub).

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10. J. Arquero (Mon), M. Harrington (Suth), H. Hosseini (Cant), J. Santolin (Mon).

9. C. Ciceri (Man), A. Scott (Man), J. Studdard (Black), G. Vieri (Man).

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HAIL GOJEVIC, BISKIC!

By CRAIG MACKENZIE

MELBOURNE CROATIA 4 (Gojevic 43rd, 52nd, Cumming 12th, Brogan penalty 40th) GREEN GULLY AJAX 0. State League Cup final at Olympic Park No. 1. Second game of a double header. Crowd: about 5,000. Referee: Voutsinas 5.

MELBOURNE CROATIA: Blasby 7 — Curcio 8, Adams 8, Parton 8, Hannah 8 (Blasby 80th) — Biskic 9, Antolovic 8, Faulkner 8, Gojevic 9 — Brogan 8, Cumming 8 (Latif 56th). Coach: Tommy Cumming.

GREEN GULLY: AJAX: Denys 7 — Peter Lewis 6, Short 7, Cannell 6, Hogben 6 (inj. Krizanic 65th) — Mancinelli 5 (Graechan H.T. 5), Boyle 6, Williams 7 — Toal 4, Smalman 5, Paul Lewis 4. Coach: David Smallman.

Croatia player-coach Tommy Cumming (left) surges toward goal with Ajax right back Peter Lewis in pursuit.

As long as I draw breath, I'll never forget the Steve Gojevic-Josip Biskic show which held me spellbound during the 1983 State League Cup final.

These young Croatia stars taunted, teased, tormented, terrified their foes apart their opponents in a resounding triumph for skill, fair and foul play, and a stunning display of how to go about completely dismantling the previously invincible Green Gully Ajax machine. No scrap merchant in the land would have given you a cent for what was left.

You weren't wrong Tommy Ajax players rarely got near enough to kick anything, let alone a ball or a leg. "They don't like it up them. We played them off the park today. We've always been the better side and we put a bit of dig into our game and showed them up for what they are", said Cumming after the match.

People at other clubs have been telling me all year that Ajax players and officials have become arrogant with success. I wish those people had spoken to the Ajax players and officials. I spoke to after this crushing Croatian victory. They would have learned that Ajax was only too ready to concede that it had been completely outplayed.

"They had far more fight than us. They wanted to win more than we did", said coach David Smallman. "I've got no excuses. They were far better." Absolutely.

Apart from Gojevic's exciting close control, I was most impressed with his attitude. An Ajax player pounced the 18 year old in the face late in the first half. Gojevic received treatment, then

carried on from where he had left off — in complete control.

Poor David Hogben. He's a good player but Biskic ran rings around him. And the more Biskic skated past Hogben, the less the Ajax player wanted to charge forward when his team was in possession.

What about the cheek of Biskic in the second half when he could have passed on three or four occasions but held the ball, dodging the tackles of two Ajax players out wide on the right? The Croatia fans were giggling delightedly in the grandstand. Biskic was having a ball.

While Biskic and Gojevic were crushing Ajax out wide, Jeff Faulkner and Jozo Antolovic were having fun of their own in more central midfield roles. Ajax's opposition reached farcical proportions late in the match when Faulkner nutmegged an opponent and ran into the ball with his arm in the air and found it later that Faulkner was signalling to a friend in the crowd. Now that's confidence for you!

Antolovic too showed superb ball skills and an uncanny understanding with Biskic down Croatia's right flank.

The only reason that Gojevic and Biskic didn't get a 10

rating is that I don't believe in perfection. But their performances were as close as you could get.

Croatia went to Ajax from the outset. Ajax was without Willie Vassallo, nursing a knee injury. Young Fabio Mancinelli took Vassallo's midfield role and did not know what to do with it.

He had many fellow strippers about him. Kit Graechan replaced Mancinelli at half time but by then Croatia led 3-0 and Ajax was a well beaten team.

The first 45 minutes sparked with champagne football from Croatia.

Sure, Ajax knocked the ball about at the back but it battled hard to keep possession and get into its attacking third. Indeed, I can't remember Croatia goalie Peter Blasby having to make a save in the first half. In fact, when Jim Williams struck a firm 25 metre shot straight at Blasby in the 81st minute the Croatia keeper finally realised that he was taking part. And in the 75th minute Bobby Toal got onto the end of Ajax's only real chance but thumped the ball over from 12 metres.

It was the dominance of Croatia's midfield quartet which made possession for Toal and Paul Lewis such a rarity. Tony Curcio marked Lewis out of the game. George

was the only one to get a bit of time in the first team award was Mark Lewis.

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DOCKERTY CUP QUARTER-FINALS

Croatia and Ajax again; Wilhelmina, Hillmen to triumph

By CRAIG MACKENZIE

The character of the Green Gully Ajax players will be under the microscope when the green and white meet Croydon on Sunday in the Dockerty Cup quarter-finals.

Ajax's abysmal State League Cup final effort will be in the back of its players' minds but I'm betting that they'll hit back hard by tipping Croydon out of the Cup in the second of Olympic Park's quarter-final double header.

The first match at headquarters is between Morwell Falcons and Melbourne Croatia at 1.15 pm. Falcons' coach Tony Boggi is quietly confident. He says that this will be a nail biting battle and that anyone writing off his side's chances, better think again.

Boggi has had to re-organise his line-up. John O'Callaghan is out, serving a one week suspension, which leaves Boggi

with just one recognised midfielder — Jim MacLean. However, if Joe Plummer comes into the team at right back, Harry Bingham then could push forward into the midfield. And Boggi is impressed with the way Tony van Baar's been training, so the blond headed van Baar probably will join MacLean, Bingham and Eric Young in Morwell's midfield quartet.

Experienced Bill Whiteside is back in goal and there's a far more balanced look about Falcons here with Noel Mitten and Bobby McGuinness up front. Bingham and van Baar will play in the middle of midfield where their mobility will be put to good use. Young adds bite to midfield and MacLean is the playmaker there.

It's been a disastrous year for Morwell which promised so much and achieved so little after finishing top of the State League company. The players realise that this is their last chance to grab a bit of glory this year however. I just can't see Croatia being beaten. I'm not so sure that Morwell's defence can cope with Tommy Cumming and Dave Brogan. I expect the game to be closely fought, but my money's on Croatia.

Green Gully Ajax should defeat Croydon in the second quarter-final at Olympic Park. There's an injury worry over Croydon striker Ian Loughnane who has been troubled by a knee complaint over the past few weeks and aggravated the injury in the State League Cup against Croatia.

Loughnane's recent form suggests that if he's fit, he'd surely play. If he can't shrug off the complaint, Croydon will line-up with Steve Irvine, Joe Sweeney and Gus Macleod up front.

Ajax has yet to beat Croydon this season. The teams battled out a 1-1 draw at Croydon Park in the first half of the league season with goals from Sweeney and Paul Lewis. Up at Green Gully Reserve, neither side broke the deadlock and a 0-0 draw resulted.

That's all the spur the champs need to turn in another professional, well drilled display here and win a semi-final berth.

Maybe it's just as well that Croatia and Ajax will be in the National League next year. Then we might reach the quarter-final stage of Victorian soccer's most prestigious cup competition, thinking that a few teams have realistic chances of getting into the final. Not so here. You can't get a bet on a Croatia V. Ajax final, for the odds are ridiculous.

Wait, it'd be great to see the VSF finally do away with these shameful engineered "cup draws"? If Croatia and Ajax, as expected, win on Sunday, can you imagine them being drawn to meet in a semi-final? Never! Our Soccer House bosses want these State

League giants to play in the final, and they'll probably get their way.

Ringwood Wilhelmina and Doveton, unfashionable clubs, clash at Wembley Park on Sunday in the first game of the quarter-final double header there. I think Wilhelmina will win.

Doveton will be well below full strength for this important match. Greg Macleod and Steve Cozzella both are captain. MacLeod played in an earlier cup round with Box Hill. Gadeby did likewise with Dandenong City. Their absence causes a major reshuffle at the back. Andy Millar probably will play left back with Billy Buchanan sweeping up. Paul Corke, as usual, will play stopper and Graham Watson will be right back.

But Doveton's problems don't end there. Peter Thirlow is best known as a wedding on Sunday and his loss will be really felt in midfield. Colin Bartlett and Mark Lennon probably will be the flanking midfielders with John Dowen and Stan Webster in more central roles. Geoff Waterhouse will partner Ian Stirton up front.

Doveton coach Hammy McMeekan wants to give young Adam Ryan a chance to play in goal, so regular keeper Sean Keogh will sit on the substitutes bench.

Wilhelmina will be without Kevin Adams, Brian Caddle and David Cork. Adams has a hamstring injury while Caddle twisted an ankle ligaments at training last week. Cork's absence however, is far harder to explain.

It appears that Wilhelmina coach, Rudi van Altena, doesn't have a high regard for Cork's talents. The former Sydney Olympic and Croydon player isn't even in the squad for this game!

Take it from me, David Cork is a good player. And when you've had the season Wilhelmina's had, it rather suggests that good players are a rarity in your team.

Good news for Wilhelmina fans is the return from injury of talented Dave Gibson. The wee man probably will play in midfield alongside Barry Burton and Oscar Garvey, with Brian Thom, Neil Garvey and Kenny Stewart up front.

I think Wilhelmina, on paper at least, looks the stronger outfit. It's reached the final in its last Dockerty Cup match at Wembley Park. The feature of that game was that every Wilhelmina player enjoyed himself that day. There was little pressure felt. Consequently, Wilhelmina played well, with Garvey scoring a couple of great goals, and Eddie Pena showing off his now well recognised shooting power with a drive from 25 metres which flashed into the net before the Melbourne keeper moved.

Box Hill left back Alan Roodhouse will have a big say in his team's efforts to knock Fawkner out of the quarter-finals. Roodhouse confronts Joe Palinkas, who can turn a game in an instant. Stalwart

Croydon striker Gus Macleod — a threat in the air to Ajax?

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stopper Donald Brownlie has to combat the heading ability of Ian Tuffield and if Palinkas gets away from Roodhouse and starts slinging over telling crosses, the Hillmen will have a real right on their hands.

Box Hill goalkeeper John McKinlay and midfielder Richard Mirada are starting to overcome injury but will be expected to play. Mirada's presence in midfield will push either Ray Tolmie, Matt McDonald or Andy Hughes onto the bench. Pedro Ramos, now fit after a nagging hamstring problem, is a certain starter.

Box Hill's Brian Keenan leaves for Scotland tomorrow (Thursday). During his six weeks overseas, he'll train with Glasgow Celtic. Hammy McMeekan, the Doveton coach, arranged for the former Melbourne Croatia and

Frankston Pines left winger to train at Parkhead.

Fawkner striker Bruno Cozzella has received permission from the committee to miss the Dockerty Cup due to work commitments. That means that co-captain Cedric Clark probably will use Palinkas, Tuffield and Tony Schipano up front with Andy Bozak, Bruno Sabidussi and Mel Anselma in midfield.

Fawkner and Box Hill are old foes. They fought out the Metro First Division title last season and finished this season in State League in the middle of the table with Box Hill a point ahead. This would be a torrid affair with or without the added incentive of a Dockerty Cup semi-final berth.

I think Box Hill can win. A lot will depend on the efforts of strikers Peter Verechia and Paul Priestley.



Seaford's under 11s maintained the stirring work of previous years in finishing second in their league and winning the Springvale City Cup, the William Bowes Shield and the Pennal Regis championship.

They have been winning for years. As under 7s for example, they won 18 and drew one of their 20 matches, and the following year, they played as both under 8s and under 9s.

In 1981, still playing as under nines, they won every one of their 18 games, scoring 102 goals to 13, and under 10s, they lost only one game all year.

Pictured, from left, back row: Jason Bishop, Brendan Rainey, Geoff Gillard, Ken Solomon, Peter Gouroures, Craig Kirby, Stefan Lotosky, Derek Berends. Front: Steve Carter, David Moran, Clinton Adams, Christian Selsun, Kosta Athys. Absent: Englebert Schmid.

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Croatia winger Josip Biskic — a thorn in Morwell's side on Sunday?

MORWELL FALCONS VS. MELBOURNE CROATIA

MORWELL FALCONS				MELBOURNE CROATIA			
Bill WHITESIDE				Peter BLASBY			
Joe PLUMMER	John HIGHAM	Sandy IRVINE	Jim TRAIN	Tony CURIO	Sean PARTON	Keith ADAMS	George HANNAH
Harry BINGHAM	Eric YOUNG	Jim MAC LEAN	Tony VAN BAAR	Josip BISKIC	Joze ANTOLOVIC	Jeff FAULKNER	Steve GOJEVIC
Noel MITTEN	Bobby MC GUINNESS				Tommy CUMMING	David BROGAN	

GREEN GULLY AJAX VS. CROYDON CITY

GREEN GULLY AJAX				CROYDON CITY			
Lou DENYS				Lou KASTNER			
Peter LEWIS	Stuart CANNELL	Steve SHORT	David HOGGEN	Mike RAINY	Ian DOBSON	Steve MARLEY	Gary HOBSON
Willie VASSALLO	Peter BOYLE	Jim WILLIAMS		Mark BROWN	Jimmy RODNEY	Paul WADE	
Bobby TOAL	David SMALLMAN	Paul LEWIS		Steve IRVINE	Joe SWEENEY	Gus MACLEOD	

WILHELMINA VS. DOVETON

WILHELMINA				DOVETON			
Stuart LEE				Adam RYAN			
Graham HAUPT	Eddie PENA	David BROOKS	Ron VERNIERS	Graham WATSON	Paul CORKE	Bill BUCHANAN	Andy MILLAR
Oscar ALARCON	Barry BURTON	David GIBSON		Colin BARTLETT	John DOWIE	Stan WEBSTER	Mark LENNON
Brian THOM	Neil GARVEY	Ken STEWART		Geoff WATERHOUSE		Ian STIRTON	

BOX HILL VS. FAWKNER

BOX HILL				FAWKNER			
John MC KINLAY				Bob TERZINI			
Ian ROODHOUSE	Donald BROWNIE	Donovan LAWLER	Alan ROODHOUSE	Michael GIACOMI	Cesare FATTORI	Jim KONDARIOS	Serge SABBADINI
Pedro RAMOS	Richard MIRANDA	Ray TOLMIE	Andy HUGHES	Andy BOZIKAS	Bruno SABIDUSSI	Mel ANSELMA	
				Joe PALINKAS	Ian TUFFIELD	Tony SCHIPANO	

NOW IT'S KEW CELTIC

Kew City has completed its amalgamation with the Melbourne branch of the Glasgow Celtic Supporters' Club, with both bodies under the control of the same committee, and now will be known as Kew Celtic. Club chairman is Jim Douglas; Alby McCormick is president; Paddy McElhinney

vice-president, Mick Mitten secretary; Alf Owen treasurer; John Murray assistant secretary; and Don McNally assistant treasurer.

Andy Smale won Kew's best and fairest award this season with Paul Campbell runner-up.

Kangaroo Kid toast of Rangers



DAVID MITCHELL

• U.K. publication 'Match Weekly' heralded the emergence of David Mitchell at Glasgow Rangers, with the following article.

They just don't come any more determined than Davie Mitchell.

The 21-year-old striker shelled out 17,000 pounds of his own money to buy his transfer from Australian club Sydney City to Glasgow Rangers!

And already 'the Kangaroo Kid' has convinced Ibrox fans that Rolf Harris and Fosters Lager are not the only good things to come from 'Down Under'.

After only a handful of games for Rangers, Davie is far from a household name. But ask any England defender about the second half substitute who created havoc in two of the summer tour games in Australia and they'll have no trouble remembering him.

The same all-action style that unsettled England's stars has made the six foot one inch, 12 stone player an instant hit with the fans — and one of the few bright points to emerge from Rangers' gloomy start to the season.

Davie's two-year contract — offered by manager John Greig after a brief trial period — marks his second spell at the club. Two years ago he went to Ibrox on trial but a winter freeze prevented him from making an impact and he returned to Australia.

"Rangers have always been the team I wanted to play for," he declares. "When I was a kid, I went to Ibrox with my brothers and, even after the family emigrated to Australia, we followed the team's progress in the newspapers and on radio."

"So naturally I'm delighted that things are working out for me, although I must admit that I'm a bit surprised it has all happened so fast."

In his first team debut in the League Cup tie against Queen of the South, Davie headed Rangers into the lead... after just two minutes' play! And he went on to lay on two more goals in the 'Gers' 4-1 win.

Seven days later, Davie confirmed his arrival in a big way when he repeated his five-star showing against Celtic.

In the white-hot heat of the 'Old Firm' clash, he refused to be intimidated by the occasion and gave the Celtic defence an uncomfortable afternoon. Although beaten 2-1, the big striker's performance did much to ease the pain of Rangers' defeat.

"When Rangers play Celtic it is always something special and, knowing that, I thought I was prepared for the game," he says.

"But knowing about it, preparing for it, and being involved in it are so different. The atmosphere is incredible and that tends to push the pace of the game. Towards the end, everyone was drained."

"It was disappointing to finish on the losing side. But we know how close we came to winning. If we were to play Celtic again tomorrow there would be no lack of confidence in our squad."

The furious pace of the 'Old Firm' tussle showed Davie how much more demanding Scottish football is compared to the Australian game. Having missed Rangers' rigorous pre-season training, he now finds himself working harder to reach the required level of fitness.

Looking back to England's tour of Australia, Davie confesses to feeling disappointed by the reaction.

"Too many people were in such a hurry to write off the results as bad England performances," he says.

"We played well and were very unlucky to take only two draws from the three games."

Having represented Australia on 15 occasions, the Glaswegian Aussie is now committed to playing for his adopted country — and that needles him a little. "I would love to have played for Scotland," he confirms. "When I got the chance to play for Australia I had a long discussion with my father. We realised it would have meant shutting the door on Scotland but we finally decided it was too good a chance to throw away."

"None of us expected things to happen so quickly with Rangers. Perhaps, if I had known I would be in the first team in such a short time, I would have made a different choice."

"But there's no point in brooding over what might have been."

Davie Mitchell is unlikely to do much brooding in the months ahead. He is starting out on what looks like being a bright career with Rangers and, having won over the fans so quickly, his name is sure to echo around the grounds for a long time to come.

New Brazil star, Jennings hits 100

Crazy horse
Swansea City, not long back the pride of Wales in the First Division but now near the bottom of the Second Division after unloading most of their experienced players, have turned to former Liverpool and England skipper Emlyn ('Crazy Horse') Hughes to try and pull them together. Hughes, now 37, has joined them on a three-month contract.

Multi-cultural

In the Manchester United v Liverpool match 18 internationals were on view and only four were English, Scots, Irish, Welsh a Dutchman and a Zimbabwean accounted for the other 14.

McStay capped

Paul McStay, the brilliant 18-year-old Celtic player, has history in Scottish soccer, winning an international cap against Uruguay at senior level to go along with his Scottish Youth end Under 21 caps all in one year. He also joins Denis Law as the only other 18-year-old to win all five Scottish caps this century.

Lohman captain

Jan Lohman, bought a couple of years ago from RSC Lokeren, is the new captain of Watford.

Piontek boss

Sept. 26, Denmark's national coach, is a former West German international defender. Piontek, 43, reckoned to be a brilliant an-

other coach, a natural leader and has the knack of mixing light humour with firm driving.

Piontek has to make countless trips around most of the European countries to check on his players in the 18-strong squad which comes to England for the European Championship tie at Wembley. Only two are home-based. The other 16 are from club sides scattered all over Europe.

Ardiles, Villa
Argentinian stars Ossie Ardiles and Ricky Villa, now with Fort Lauderdale Strikers in USA, are both in the doldrums. Ardiles, who broke his leg last season and never made a comeback while Villa, who has been badly affected by the heat in Florida that he was compelled to give up smoking after being replaced, is reported to be keen to return to English soccer.

World final

Genio of Brazil, the South American champions, will meet the European Cup holder, Hamburg, for the World Club side in Tokyo on December 11. The game is likely to be broadcast live or recorded on TV to more than 60 countries.

Jennings 100

Pat Jennings, Arsenal's 38-year-old keeper, has become the first British player to ring up 100 Football League appearances earlier this year, created another record when he played

Olympiakos meets Benfica, Hamburg starts cup defence

Hamburg, which received a first round bye, will launch its belated defence of the European Cup against dynamo Bucharest in Romania on October 19.

The West Germans, who beat Juventus in Italy in last season's final in Athens, were in luck yet again when the draw for the second round of the three European competitions was made in Zurich.

Hamburg avoided all the sides that appear its biggest threats and should have little difficulty in reaching the quarter-finals.

Three times European champion Liverpool of England was less fortunate and faces the prospect of a tough two-leg duel with Spain's athletic Bilbao, which will undoubtedly defend in depth when at Anfield.

Now Kenny Dalglish, top British scorer of all time in the European Cup, relish his personal confrontation with Bilbao defender Andoni Goikoetxea, who gained notoriety when he beat Diego Maradona out of the game for at least three months.

Goikoetxea collected an 18-month suspension for a tackle which left the Argentine with severe damage to his ankle bone and ligaments.

Greek champion Olympiacos, first round conqueror of 1971-73 cup winners Ajax Amsterdam, will turn its attention to another great name of the past: Benfica.

The Portuguese, winners of the European Cup in 1981 and 1982, travel to Greece for the first leg where they will be content to defend in the hope of securing their quarter-final place in the return in Lisbon on November 2.

Italian champion Roma also faces a tricky assignment. It was paired with Csa Sofia of Bulgaria, which has earned a giant-killing reputation over the years by knocking-out Ajax, Liverpool and Nottingham Forest of England, all of which were cup holders at the time.

The tie of the round, however, will be between Belgium's standard Liege and Dundee United of Scotland, two of the most dangerous dark-horses in the competition.

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The European Championship

Spain triumphs, top striker killed in crash

PHILIP MICALLEF continues his history of the European Championships, which currently are building up for the 1984 finals series.

Germany in 3-0 win

West Germany beat Austria 3-0 (halftime 3-0) in a European championship Group Six qualifying game in Gelsenkirchen.

Scorers: Rummenigge (3rd min), Voeller (18th, 20th).

Group side standings:

Austria	7	4	1	2	14	7	8
West Germany	5	3	1	1	8	7	7
Spain	5	1	1	1	3	3	7
Portugal	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
USSR	8	1	1	1	3	3	3
Austria	7	2	5	3	12	2	2

Next match — Oct 12 Turkey v Northern Ireland.

Japan loses to Sumner and Booth

By
PAUL
MOON

One-time West Adelaide Heillas teammates Allan Booth and Steve Sumner were the toast of New Zealand soccer after scoring all their sides goals in the 3-1 win over Japan in an Olympic games qualifying fixture at Mount Smart Stadium, Auckland.

A goal down at half time, the Kiwis appeared to be in trouble against a very capable Japanese team.

But, well-taken goals by Sumner (2) and Booth during the second period, in which New Zealand made full use of a strong wind, proved decisive.

Sydney Olympic's Ricki Herbert was a solid figure in the centre of defence, but New Zealand's other Australian-based players, Jim Tele (Canberra City), had to be content with a position on the substitutes' bench for the whole 90 minutes.

Japan did enough to suggest that its young team has the potential to become a force in Asian soccer. Right-winger Kimura Katsuji made an immense impression with his pace, control and shooting ability.

New Zealand though gained the two points and its coach Allan Jones had every reason to be satisfied with the outcome of this — his first major competitive international.

For his predecessor John Adsett, the match was a milestone, as it marked his debut as Television New Zealand's soccer commentator.

New Zealand meanwhile has withdrawn from the Merlion Cup in Singapore in December.

Rummenigge alone!

The changing face of world soccer is reflected in the world all-star team chosen in "World Soccer" magazine by Eric Batty. It includes only one front-line striker.

Batty's team is:

Shilton (England)	Pessarola (Argentina)	Girens (France)
Duarts (Peru)	Trezo (France)	
Felipe (Brazil)	Platini (France)	Tomisio Cerezo (Brazil)
		Ardiles (Argentina)
		Socrates (Brazil)
		Bob Driscoll (Daily Star)
		"Bob Driscoll should get rid of the idlers who shamefully devoured the faith the nation invested in them."
		The Sun (Editorial): "Bob's
		Rummenigge (West Germany)



Spanish forward Perea (No. 8) puts his side in to the lead in the final against the USSR in Madrid. Spain won 2-1.

The number of participants in the 1982/84 Nations' Cup rose from a meagerly 17 in the first edition to 29.

England and Italy, which had snubbed the first edition, decided to take part but West Germany stayed away.

The competition's knock-out basis was maintained and 26 teams were pitted against each other in the first round which kicked off in the autumn of 1982 — only a few months after the end of the World Cup in Chile.

Holder USSR, Austria and Luxembourg were given a bye and went straight into the second round.

The shock of the first round was England's elimination by a young French side brimming with confidence.

England was held to a dismal 1-1 draw in the first leg in Sheffield but in the return match the exuberant French ran riot and won 5-2, also with the complicity of goalkeeper Ron Springett.

Italy, Spain and Denmark obtained easy victories over Turkey, Rumania and Malta respectively.

The closest first-round tie produced Bulgaria and Portugal.

The Portuguese side was based on the great Benfica team which had won the previous two European Champions' Cups.

Both teams won their respective home match 3-1 and a play-off was necessary.

In a deserved Olympic Stadium in Rome a young striker with the name of George Asprakou helped Bulgaria to a narrow 1-0 win over the fancied Portuguese of Eusebio, Coluna and Co.

Asprakou was expected to become one of the most celebrated forwards in European football until a car accident in the early 70s brought his life to a tragic end.

The second round saw the elimination of Italy by a tactically disciplined Soviet side.

The Cup holder won an ill-tempered first match in Moscow's Lenin Stadium 2-0 and in the return leg in Rome goalkeeper Lev Yashin denied the Italians with a number of great saves to help his side to a 1-1 draw.

Yashin even saved a penalty taken by Inter-Milan forward Mazzola.

France went through to the 'quarters' at the expense of Bulgaria while Spain had to fight harder than expected against a modest but resilient Northern Ireland.

The Irish held Spain to an away 1-1 draw but then lost 0-1 at Ninian Park in Belfast and were out.

The USSR had more possession in the second half but strikers

The second round's major surprise came from Yugoslavia, beaten finalist in the first edition.

Sweden held the Slavs to a 0-0 draw in Belgrade and finished off the Eastern Europeans with a 3-2 win in Stockholm.

The talented Hungarians, led by that magnificent centre-forward Florian Albert, accounted for East Germany, winning 5-0 on aggregate.

The quarter-finals produced a surprise qualifier in Denmark, which beat Luxembourg 1-0 in a play-off after both legs had finished in draws.

Spain had no difficulty in beating Eire 7-1 on aggregate, winning both at home and away, while the USSR beat Sweden 3-1 in Moscow after having beaten the Scandinavian side to an away 1-1 draw.

Italy remained on some fine stuff in its clash with the confident French. The Magyars won both legs to move into the semi-finals on an impressive 5-2 aggregate.

The final series was held in Spain and the long-suffering Spanish fans had every reason to expect their team to win the Cup.

Spain had produced some magnificent clubs over the years but the national team — without imported stars — never really hit it off.

This time, however, was their big chance. And with such a gifted player as Luis Suarez leading them in midfield and with Real Madrid striker Amancio ready to hit the big time, things were looking good for the "Red Furries."

The final phase was televised live throughout Europe and in the first semi-final in Madrid, Perea put Spain in the lead with a first-half goal.

But a goal from Ferencvaros wingman Nagy sent the match into extra time. Amancio then managed to slot in the winner to send the Bernabeu crowd — his home crowd — wild with delight. Spain was in the final!

In the other semi-final in Barcelona, the Soviets were too strong for the Danish part-timers.

Goals by half-back Voronin, striker Pondeink and midfielder Ivanov put the Soviets into their second Nations' Cup final. In the match for third place Hungary beat Denmark 3-1 after extra time.

The final in Madrid's Bernabeu Stadium was played in pouring rain but still drew 120,000 partisan fans, including Generalissimo Franco.

Spain, playing its typical, game of short passing and quick, sudden goals, took the lead with an early goal from Perea.

But soon afterwards Khusainov stunned the Bernabeu with a well-taken equaliser.

The USSR had more possession in the second half but strikers

Chislenko and Pondeink failed to break down a solid Spanish defence centred around sweeper Zoco.

The match was heading for extra time when, with only a few minutes remaining, Zaragoza striker Marcelino met a cross from Perea and headed it into the winner. The Soviets, and Yashin, were beaten!

At the end of the match hundreds of fans poured onto the pitch to celebrate their heroes. After the great triumphs of Real Madrid and Barcelona in the European club competitions, Spain was now champion of Europe.

Spain's coach Villalonga later blasted the Soviets for their "physical" play but had hopes of praise for Suarez, whom he regarded as a "Great Madrid general."

The Spanish press hailed Marcelino as "the new Di Stefano" but subsequent months were to prove these predictions a bit too premature.

Coach Beskou said his Soviets deserved at least a draw after dominating the second half. But he added his side was let down by the forwards, particularly Pondeink.

SECOND EUROPEAN NATIONS CUP, 1962/64

Quarter-finals

USSR - Sweden 1-1, 3-1

Luxembourg - Denmark 3-2, 2-0

Spain - Eire 5-1, 2-0

Hungary - Wales 1-3, 1-2

Match for third place

Hungary - Denmark 3-1

Final - Estadio Bernabeu, Madrid -

June 21, 1964 - 12,000

Spain - USSR 2-1 (1-1) (Parida.

Khusainov, Pondeink, Zoco, Rivilla, Calleja, Fuster, Olivedra, Zoco, Ambrona, Perea, Marsella, Suarez, Laporte.

USSR: Yashin, Chastikov, Mafrik, Varonik, Shasternov, Antsikkin, Chislenko, Ivanov, Pondeink, Komeav, Khusainov.

Referee: Holland (England)

First Round

Italy - Turkey 6-0, 1-0

Holland - Switzerland 3-1, 1-1

E. Germany - Czeckoslovakia 2-1, 1-1

Hungary - Wales 3-1, 1-1

Eire - Iceland 4-2, 1-1

Bulgaria - Portugal 3-1, 1-0, 1-0

England - France 1-2, 5

Sweden - Norway 2-0, 1-1

Yugoslavia - Belgium 3-2, 1-1

Spain - Rumania 6-0, 1-3

N. Ireland - Poland 2-0, 2-0

Denmark - Malta 6-0, 3-1

Albania w/o Greece

Second Round

USSR: Italy 2-0, 1-1

Sweden - Yugoslavia 0-0, 3-2

Luxembourg - Holland 1-1, 2-1

Denmark - Albania 4-0, 0-1

Spain - N. Ireland 1-1, 1-0

Austria - Eire 0-2, 3

Bulgaria - France 1-0, 1-3

E. Germany - Hungary 1-2, 3

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La lega nazionale regolarmente e' ormai da considerare cosa certa per il prossimo anno, nonostante qualcuno insista ancora a dire che ci sono ancora tante cose da risolvere; ed e' anche piu' che sicuro che la Juventus di Melbourne sara' una delle prime squadre ad essere ammesso.

Pero' non e' altrettanto sicuro che la lega nazionale sia la soluzione di tutti i problemi del club bianconero. Anzi potrebbe essere l'aggravarsi dei suoi problemi. E' innegabile che il club bianconero dovrà ripartire quattro-cinque giocatori per ben frigorire nella competizione nazionale, e anche essenziale che il club assuma un direttore a tempo pieno per andare a mani impresse il cui giro d'affari dovrà aggirarsi intorno ai \$400,000; e' anche molto importante che il "marketing" e le pubbliche relazioni del club migliorino di molto; sara' necessario mettere in atto finalmente una politica di potenziamento dei vivai. Tut, e assieme il club dovrà funzionare ad un livello molto piu' alto per recuperare le spese maggiorate e per garantire di sopravvivere solidamente nella massima competizione nazionale.

A seconda di come si organizzerà, la Juventus va incontro ad un disastro o al successo a tutti i livelli. Le intenzioni e la gente per ottenerne questo successo ci sono, l'esperienza comincia a farsi luce, ma crediamo nostro dovere dare alcuni suggerimenti ai bene intenzionati dirigenti juventini.

(1) Sfruttare la tradizione

Uno dei capitali intangibili della Juventus e' la sua grande tradizione. Dal 1948 il suo nome a Melbourne e' sinonimo di tutto cio' che e' grande, memorabile e glorioso nel calcio italiano. I successi del passato non sono avvenuti per caso ma come risultato di lavoro appassionato di una generazione di dirigenti e giocatori. Tutta gente che oggi non e' tanto giovane e non frequenta i campi, e' assolutamente biamico. Gli anni che passano hanno avuto un certo peso su questa "diserzione", ma la mancanza del necessario rispetto ed un pochino di gratitudine da parte dei dirigenti che si sono susseguiti negli anni hanno fatto allontanare tanti vecchi juventini.

E' arrivato il momento di dare a questa gente il giustoriconoscimento, farli sentire a loro agio e benvenuti, ridare loro una iniezione di "bianconero". Andando in giro e sentire ex dirigenti e giocatori che parlano male del club non e' un'esperienza che provoca compassione, ma un'esperienza inconfondibile, della gente che sente vittime di Dio solo sa quali ingiustizie, ma la maggior parte degli ex dirigenti e giocatori e' gente che ha sempre in cuore il bene del club.

Vi sono una trentina di soci a vita che potrebbero avere piu' considerazione, come l'ammissione nella sala degli ospiti al campo, una letterina ogni tanto ad informarli delle attivita' del club, una cartolina a Natale o a Capodanno. Vi sono tanti vecchi giocatori che giocavano con il cuore, senza una paga o altro compenso, che oggi meriterebbero delle considerazioni, speciali per loro, come lo sono per una nazione, gli eroi del passato dovrebbero avere un posto di grande rilievo nella storia presente e futura del club. Con le dovute proporzioni relative all'importanza delle due cose, i Garibaldi, i Mazzini, i Cavour, i Cesare Battisti, i Cesà della storia d'Italia sono come i Busidoni, i Sabidussi, i Bassi, i Plateo, i Barbazzà, i Penzo, i Viti, i della Rocca (fra i giocatori) e i Borsari, gli Angerame, i Papaleo, i Pellegrini, i Primavera, i Longo, i Castellini, i Cilauro, i Mirabella (fra i dirigenti), e ci scusino i tanti altri che non abbiamo nominato poiché a mani tante non si potrebbe l'intero giornale. E ci sono poi tantissimi tifosi che seguono la squadra da oltre un quarto di secolo, gente che e' sempre li' ad incoraggiare la squadra nei tempi buoni e nei tempi cattivi.

E' la lunga e gloriosa tradizione del club che ha salvato nei tempi difficili e che lo potra' fare grande di nuovo quando ci sono tutti le premesse per un successo senza precedenti. I primi dirigenti debbono capire il grande impegno che la tradizione e la gente che l'ha creata, rappresenta per la Juventus e cercare di stimolarlo con un semplice sistema che costa assolutamente niente: rispetto e considerazione.

(2) Amministrazione "professionale"

Nella lega nazionale la Juventus diventera' ancora piu' difficile da amministrare per un comitato di gente capace e ben intenzionata ma che purtroppo non puo' dedicare tutto il tempo necessario per l'amministrazione della squadra. Il club ha bisogno di un ufficio con del personale "full time", non c'e' scampo. Le mille piccole necessita' amministrative debbono essere assolte quotidianamente, altrimenti si accumulano e causano il caos. Il socio che non ricorda a tessera deve poter telefonare all'ufficio per informarsi dell'errore all'istante. Il giocatore che ha bisogno di qualcosa deve poter contare su del personale che curi le sue necessita' prima che subentri il malcontento; la stampa deve essere informato quotidianamente di quello che succede al club; gli sponsor debbono essere curati perché non siano pericolosi per la communita' che gli fanno maritato l'appoggio del comune e della comunita' in generale.

E' ridicolo dire che e' impossibile avere un allenatore a tempo pieno per tutti i giocatori "a tempo". Dovendo fare il coordinamento ce n'e' tanto da fare a tutti i livelli del club ed un professionista capace potrebbe rendere moltissimo al club lavorando tutti i pomeriggi, tutte le sere e al sabato.

(4) L'importanza di investire

Nella lega nazionale l'importanza di investire, ed investire bene, sara' ancora piu' determinante. Il successo della squadra e' essenziale per il successo dell'intero club; quando si lavora i risultati sono sempre molto migliori a tutti i livelli se la squadra vince. Lo spirito e' tutto diverso, il lavoro diventa un piacere, gli sponsor sono contenti, la stampa da' piu' risalto a tutte le attivita' del club e, soprattutto gli spettatori aumentano di numero e di attaccamento. Una Juventus che si batte sia per la prima della lega nazionale potrebbe contare su un minimo di 4-5 mila spettatori (\$20,000 d'incasso a partita) e nelle ultime settimane di campionato, e nelle partite di campionato, e nelle partite di coppa, il JUST e' il Pisonian, il numero degli spettatori potrebbe salire a 10-15 mila (\$40,000 d'incasso a partita); e con tutto questo seguito i tesseramenti aumenteranno, le donazioni aumenteranno, la partecipazione a funzioni sociali aumentera' ed i soldi pioveranno come manna dal cielo.

E' vero che la maggior parte dei dirigenti e' tutta gente che impiega molto tempo al servizio del club, purtroppo non basta. E' la goccia che secca la pietra ed e' necessario avere il tempo quando e' necessario (il che e' sempre) e non nei ritagli del tempo dagli affari. I dirigenti si accorgeranno anche che lasciare le proprie attivita' professionali e commerciali per correre al servizio del club a lungo tempo puo' causare una enorme perdita di "business", di pace in famiglia e di salute con le inevitabili dimissioni per non rovinarsi completamente.

Un direttore a tempo pieno puo' mandare avanti la baracca molto meglio ed allungare l'infinito periodo di permanenza in comitati di dirigenti. E' molto pericoloso ridursi a tanti che si possa mandare avanti un'azienda da quasi mezzo milione di dollari all'anno con personale volontario e dal tempo molto limitato.

(3) Direzione tecnica

La direzione tecnica della squadra e' un fattore determinante, non solo per il presente, ma soprattutto per il futuro. Quest'anno s'e' finalmente accettato il principio dell'allenatore tecnico, ma i primi risultati si sono visti dal migliorato rendimento della squadra. Ma quello che l'allenatore di quest'anno non ha fatto, anche se era incluso nella lista dei suoi obblighi contrattuali, e' quello di lavorare per il futuro del club attirando giovani di talento e valorizzando il vivace giovanile.

All'inizio della stagione l'allenatore dovrebbe condurre dei provini per reclutare potenziali campioni (chi siano per meglio di quelli che si trovano nel vivaio) poiché le divisioni minori e i campionati giovanili sono un campo di talenti. Zinno, l'allenatore-capo dovrebbe anche selezionare tutti gli altri allenatori (dal suo assistente agli allestitori delle giovanili) e condurre programmi di specializzazione per loro in modo che ci sia "una scuola" juventina; dovrebbe quindi tenerli d'occhio durante tutto l'anno e di tanto in tanto dovrebbe condurre "cliniche" per gli allenatori e per i giovani giocatori che egli dovrebbe imparare a conoscere individualmente, uno per uno. Con questa conoscenza personale egli dovrebbe quindi scegliere tutti i giovani piu' promettenti e condurli per loro alle sessioni di allenamento specializzato per raffinare la tecnica di ognuno e per annulare i difetti che ognuno puo' avere.

L'allenatore dovrebbe anche lavorare nelle varie scuole medie della zona, per promuovere il calcio, per dare alla communita' la sensazione che il club ha dei meriti comunitari che gli fanno maritato l'appoggio del comune e della comunita' in generale.

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mento dei vivai. Tut, e assieme il club dovrà funzionare ad un livello molto piu' alto per recuperare le spese maggiorate e per garantire di sopravvivere solidamente nella massima competizione nazionale.

A seconda di come si organizzerà, la Juventus va incontro ad un disastro o al successo a tutti i livelli. Le intenzioni e la gente per ottenerne questo successo ci sono, l'esperienza comincia a farsi sì, e' anche molto importante che il "marketing" e le pubbliche relazioni del club migliorino di molto; sara' necessario mettere in atto finalmente una politica di potenziamento dei vivai.

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(2) Amministrazione "professionale"

Nella lega nazionale la Juventus diventera' ancora piu' difficile da amministrare per un comitato di gente capace e ben intenzionata ma che purtroppo non puo' dedicare tutto il tempo necessario per l'amministrazione della squadra. Il club ha bisogno di un ufficio con del personale "full time", non c'e' scampo. Le mille piccole necessita' amministrative debbono essere assolte quotidianamente, altrimenti si accumulano e causano il caos. Il socio che non ricorda a tessera deve poter telefonare all'ufficio per informarsi dell'errore all'istante. Il giocatore che ha bisogno di qualcosa deve poter contare su del personale che curi le sue necessita' prima che subentri il malcontento; la stampa deve essere informato quotidianamente di quello che succede al club; gli sponsor debbono essere curati perché non siano pericolosi per la communita' che gli fanno maritato l'appoggio del comune e della comunita' in generale.

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(4) L'importanza di investire

Nella lega nazionale l'importanza di investire, ed investire bene, sara' ancora piu' determinante. Il successo della squadra e' essenziale per il successo dell'intero club; quando si lavora i risultati sono sempre molto migliori a tutti i livelli se la squadra vince. Lo spirito e' tutto diverso, il lavoro diventa un piacere, gli sponsor sono contenti, la stampa da' piu' risalto a tutte le attivita' del club e, soprattutto gli spettatori aumentano di numero e di attaccamento. Una Juventus che si batte sia per la prima della lega nazionale potrebbe contare su un minimo di 4-5 mila spettatori (\$20,000 d'incasso a partita) e nelle ultime settimane di campionato, e nelle partite di campionato, e nelle partite di coppa, il JUST e' il Pisonian, il numero degli spettatori potrebbe salire a 10-15 mila (\$40,000 d'incasso a partita); e con tutto questo seguito i tesseramenti aumenteranno, le donazioni aumenteranno, la partecipazione a funzioni sociali aumentera' ed i soldi pioveranno come manna dal cielo.

E' vero che la maggior parte dei dirigenti e' tutta gente che impiega molto tempo al servizio del club, purtroppo non basta. E' la goccia che secca la pietra ed e' necessario avere il tempo quando e' necessario (il che e' sempre) e non nei ritagli del tempo dagli affari. I dirigenti si accorgeranno anche che lasciare le proprie attivita' professionali e commerciali per correre al servizio del club a lungo tempo puo' causare una enorme perdita di "business", di pace in famiglia e di salute con le inevitabili dimissioni per non rovinarsi completamente.

Un direttore a tempo pieno puo' mandare avanti la baracca molto meglio ed allungare l'infinito periodo di permanenza in comitati di dirigenti. E' molto pericoloso ridursi a tanti che si possa mandare avanti un'azienda da quasi mezzo milione di dollari all'anno con personale volontario e dal tempo molto limitato.

(3) Direzione tecnica

La direzione tecnica della squadra e' un fattore determinante, non solo per il presente, ma soprattutto per il futuro. Quest'anno s'e' finalmente accettato il principio dell'allenatore tecnico, ma i primi risultati si sono visti dal migliorato rendimento della squadra. Ma quello che l'allenatore di quest'anno non ha fatto, anche se era incluso nella lista dei suoi obblighi contrattuali, e' quello di lavorare per il futuro del club attirando giovani di talento e valorizzando il vivace giovanile.

All'inizio della stagione l'allenatore dovrebbe condurre dei provini per reclutare potenziali campioni (chi siano per meglio di quelli che si trovano nel vivaio) poiché le divisioni minori e i campionati giovanili sono un campo di talenti. Zinno, l'allenatore-capo dovrebbe anche selezionare tutti gli altri allenatori (dal suo assistente agli allestitori delle giovanili) e condurre programmi di specializzazione per loro in modo che ci sia "una scuola" juventina; dovrebbe quindi tenerli d'occhio durante tutto l'anno e di tanto in tanto dovrebbe condurre "cliniche" per gli allenatori e per i giovani giocatori che egli dovrebbe imparare a conoscere individualmente, uno per uno. Con questa conoscenza personale egli dovrebbe quindi scegliere tutti i giovani piu' promettenti e condurli per loro alle sessioni di allenamento specializzato per raffinare la tecnica di ognuno e per annullare i difetti che ognuno puo' avere.

L'allenatore dovrebbe anche lavorare nelle varie scuole medie della zona, per promuovere il calcio, per dare alla communita' la sensazione che il club ha dei meriti comunitari che gli fanno maritato l'appoggio del comune e della comunita' in generale.

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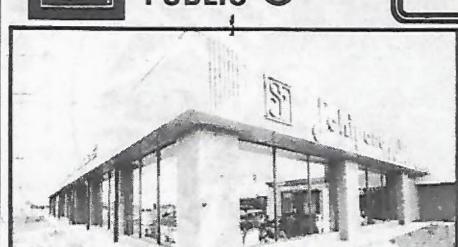
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MAKEDONIJA IPAK KASNI

Makedonija je prošle nedelje zasluženo pobedila "Plavu" pred 5000 gledalaca na svom igralistu, ali pitali bi se da bilo da je Joe Carroll iskoristio sanu u 63. minuti, koja je bila stopotna, da se izrazimo jezikom navijaca. Takvi se promasajci obično skupu plaćaju, ali se i ovog puta dogodilo. Jer je posljata kasnije Makedonija skoro bila uvećana u pobjedu, no, koji je poveratno nadu za osvajanje titule prve nogometne lige Australije. Međutim, situacija na vrhu tabele nije izbljivo tako povoljna kao što je bila pre mesec dana. Ispred Makedonije se nalaze tri kluba na celoj tabele, pa je teško pretpostaviti da sva tri mogu prepreći brodom u završnici takmičenja. Zahvaljujući Frank Arokiju, odnosno njegovom iskustvu i profesionalnom ophodjenju, St. George je najvjeljelji kandidat za laskav naslov sampona Australije. Arokovi momci su prošle nedelje savladali najtežu prepreku u Newcastleu, sto ne znaci da su Marconi i Brisbane City sazvakanj zalogaju. Sydney City ima krunsku prepreku pred sobom, iako dočekuje Newcastle u Sidneju (sto malo znaci jer uvek ima manje navijaca od protivnika), ali zato je gost Canbere City, koja je skoro neopevđala na svom terenu. Na papiru u South Melburn utapan je pot u cilju, jer je god Leichardha i domaćin Brisbane Lion-su.

Onaj ko ne poznaje cudi fudbalu odmah bi, posle ove analize, optisao Makedoniju. Ali onaj, ko zeli za mali ulog da dobije veliku nagradu neki slobodno stavi novac na "crveno-crne", odnosno maestra Zarka Odzakova, koji nai može da promeni pravac vetri i sportske crne. Onaj ko se unapred preda, ne treba ni da počne trku, a takvih igrača ne bi smelo da bude u Makedoniji, naročito posle teško izvođenje, ali zlatne pobjede nad JUSTOM.

Ovaj, za vecinu gledalaca, Jugo derbi odigran je po dinom vremenu. Atmosfera je bila prava sportska. Prvi poluvremena pripao je Makedoniji, a drugo "plavima". Protivnici su gol Zorana Iloskog, koji nije priznat posle intervenske medijaske titule i jedan esterac, koji je odlučio George McMillan.

Stekao se utisak da je sudija pokazao na belu tukcu da bi popravio ovu grešku kada je ponistio regularan gol, koji je majstorski pripremio Zarko Odzakov. Posle utakmice cili smo tri verzije: ZPrva, da je gol ponistjen zbog osefaja ima nazivnu osnovu. Ostale dve verzije (lopta je prešla kormer crtu i McMillan je igrač rukom) može da potvrdi samo televizijski snimak. Zanimljivo je da su prvi gol JUSTA i drugi gol Makedonije postignuti u trenutku apsolutne nadnoscnosti protivnika, tako da su delovali kroz grom i jedan esterac.

Kada se sve izmeri na vazi, ipak je Makedonija bila zreliji tim, ali i sretniji. Oduševio je promasaj Joe Carroll, koji je imao i dve dobre prilike da popravi gresku, ali je ova putu sutrašnja visoko preko precke.

Igracima je najteže palo ponasanje trenera, koji pravljiva stasi pobjede, ali ne deli goricu porazu na isti nacin.

U nedelju 16. oktobra MAKEDONIJA dočekuje na svom igralistu West Adelaide sto bi mogao biti dobar zalogaj, koji se ipak mora dozvati sazvakanj da bi se osigurala sva tri boda. Naješta je poslednja utakmica u Sidneju protiv Olympia, ali o tome treba govoriti sledeće nedelje, kada će situacija biti bistrija.

JUST gostuje u Adelaidi, gde je vec dva puta savladao Adelaide City, pa sto ne bi i treći put kada se u sastav vraca Gry McDowell jer je njegovo odusutvo bilo primetno protiv Makedonije.

KONAC DELO KRASI

Tri kol pre kraja prvenstva Nacionalne lige Australije novinari su izabrali najbolje igrače trenere i sudije u Viktoriji. Pored tog, i jedan sudija, ali i ne soj, zaboravljen je u delu konac krasi. Tri zadnja kol mogu doneti neocekivane promene. Onaj, ko zanimljici postigne najbolje rezultate zaslužuje oreši oko glave. U svakom slučaju Zarko Odzakov je bolji igrač nego Charlie Yankos, ali ipak je morao da se zadovolji uštem drugim mestom.

SLATKA OSVETA

Tri godine uzastopce Croatia je zivela u senci Green

Gully Ajaksa, ali je prošle nedelje dočekala slatki cas osvete. "Crveni" su u finalu kupa četvrtice platko pobedili lutjog na 4:0. Na kraju je arseen težak kompleks, koji se zvao Ajax. Croatia ima još jednu sasu da potvrdi svoju superiornost nad vecinim riva- lom, a to je Dockerty Cup, najstarije takmičenje u Australiji. U nedelju se igraju četvrtinalne utakmice.

Program na Olympic Parku: Green Gully protiv Croydon City i Croatia protiv Morwell Falconsa. na Wembley Parku: Wilhelmina protiv Dovetona i Box Hill protiv Fawknera. Trener Fawknera Ceda Čirkovića očekuje od svojih momaka uspeh, koji se nije ostvario u prvenstvu, lako kaze da je zadovoljan sa osmim mestom.

"PLAVI" IZ SPRINGVALA U FINALU

U polufinalu Provisionalnog kupa Springvale United (Bratstvo/Jedinstvo) uspeo je da savlada najjačeg protivnika Cheltenham sa 4:0 (1:0). Protivnik nije imao ni jednu sanu, ali navalim igračima. Springvale dugo je trebalo da savlada tenu i ubudjenje. Posto je tri puta za prvi gol sata najbolji strelac Milan Stojilović progrio tri lepe sanse, uspeo je u 39. minuti da načne mrežu borbenog protivnika, koji je imao snažnu podršku brojnih navijača. Milan Stojilović je sasvim dotukao protivnika kad je u 48. minuti postigao majstorski drugi gol, skoro iz mrtvog ugla. Najlepji gol je treci u 64. minuti, a strelac je Dragoslav Jelčić sa 30 metara. Sustav golova završio je opet Dragoslav Jelčić u 94. minuti. Bratstvo/Jedinstvo je nastupilo bez najboljeg navalnog igrača Milena Čuljaka, koji zbor povreda u igraču je izmrećen. Ispak je navijanjan uspeo da podali radost posle tri golova. Sustav Springvale Uniteda: Milen Mandić, Djuro Sivc (Goran Veljović od 71. minuta), Petar Đekić, Hitko Kaim, Dragom Janjić, Nenad Sipčić, Dragoslav Jelčić, Marin Basic, Stiven Janjić (Predrag Cvet od 65. minuta), Mi... Stojilović, Pertko Tomić. Tesko je izvođiti najbolje igrača, ali ipak zaslužuju posebnu pohvalu ova streljača, neumorni Marin Basic i iskusni Dragom Janjić.

U subotu 15. oktobra Springvale United sastaje se u finalu sa Mordialoc Clarindom na istom igralistu, gde je uđedjivo pobedio Cheltenham.

TURNIK VOJVODINE

Prošle nedelje odigran je prvi deo tradicionalnog turnira Altona United/Vojvodine, koji je privukao veliki broj gledalaca na Paisley Reserve u North Altonu. Zbog priterane osetljivosti (ali najviše i umora) turnir su napuslili igrači Bratstva/Jedinstva sto je ostavio težak utisak na sve prisutne i razocaralo organizatore.

U prvom kolu postignuti su sledeći rezultati: Carlton/MLADOST — Mossfiel Rangers 1:0 (0:0). Altona/Vojvodina — Dallas City 2:0 (0:0). Strelci: Adam Miller i Slobodan Dimitrijević.

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Slediće utakmicu Lalor/SLOGA je dobila sa 3:0 bez borbe, jer je Mossfiel Rangers napustio turnir.

Kod stanja 1:0 za Dallas City, rener Springvale United povukao je svoje grupe zbog navodne grube igre protivnika. U stvari, oba tima igrali su ostro i muski, jedino su igrači Springvale bili umorni od jucerašnjeg susreta u polufinalu Provisionalnog kupa. Iako je bio opravдан strah da se pred finale može povrediti neki igrač, ipak napuštanje turnira ne može se nikako opravdati.

Turnir se ipak nastavlja u nedelju 16. oktobra na Paisley Reserve.

U prvom polufinalu, koje pominje u 9 izjutra, sastaju se Lalor/SLOGA i Dallas City, a zatim igraju Altona/Vojvodina i Carlton/MLADOST.

Finale će se odigrati posle ručka i dobrog odmora istoga dana po podne. Porazeni polufinalisti igrače predigru za treće mesto.

TURNIK CRVENE ZVEZDE

U subotu 15. oktobra i nedelju 16. oktobra održaze se turnir amaterskih klubova crvene zvezde, na koji su pozvani jugoslovenski klub West Wodonga, FK Bosna iz Melburna i drugi tim JUSTA. Turnir očekuje i po podne oba dana. Kantina sa rostiljem bice dobro snabdevana s hranaom i pićem.

Crvena zvezda i Bosna bili su prošle nedelje u Adelaide na turniru JASKA, ali nismo u mogućnosti da vas obavestimo kako su prošli, jer nismo dobili izvestaj do zaključenja ovog broja "Soccer Actiona".

Slediće turnir jugoslovenskih klubova održaze se u Geelongu 16. i 17. novembra na igralistu u Hendy Streetu, Corio.

JUNIORSKI TURNIR

Dvodnevni juniorski turnir za pehare mesarnice "Europa" iz Newporta, privukao je veliki broj gledalaca, koji su uživali u lepoj igri budućih fudbalskih asova. Iako je Northern United nepravilno otkazao učešće u zadnjem cas, organizatori su se upali da održe standarde turnira na najvećoj visini. Stekli su poređ toga i dobro iskustvo o pravim i lažnim prijateljima za buduce turnire i sportske teatre.

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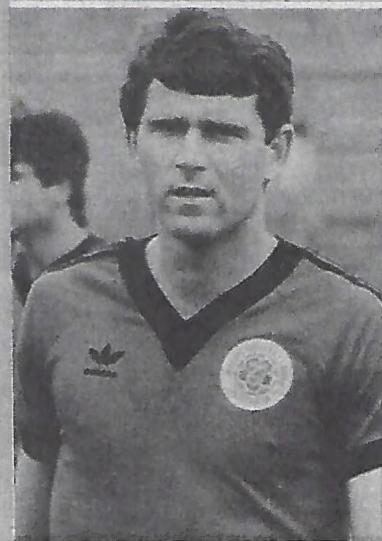


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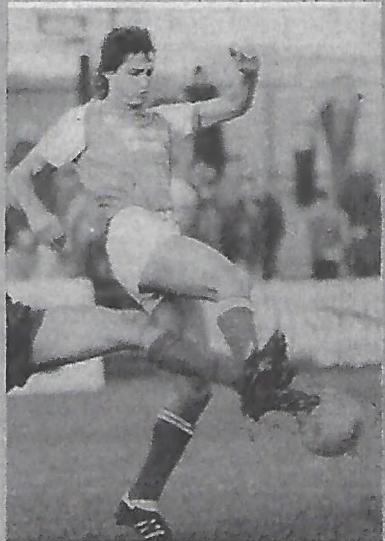
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PRESTON v WEST ADELAIDE

Connor Reserve, K.O. 3 pm

Previous results

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'78.....	
'79.....	
'80.....	
'81.....	2-0
'82.....	1-1



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(West Adelaide)



DEREK LEA
(Heidelberg)

HEIDELBERG v SYDNEY OLYMPIC

Olympic Village 3 pm

Previous results

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'78.....	3-1
'79.....	2-1
'80.....	
'81.....	1-0
'82.....	2-2



JIM PATIKIS
(Sydney Olympic)